

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO BERT DORAN

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Bert Doran, a World War II Marine Corps veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Bert Doran was recognized on Tuesday, October 26. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: BERT DORAN

(By Greg Eckstrom)

"I was lucky I lived."

The sentence came from Bert Doran, a Marine Corps veteran who served in World War II under harsh fighting. He was injured in Iwo Jima after three days of fighting in which half of his company was killed. Doran, however, isn't exactly one to go down without a fight.

It's that spirit that drove the 19½ year old who was born in South Dakota and moved to Boone at age 7 to join the military. Some guys he knew said they were going to do it, and Doran decided he wanted to do it, too. The reason he picked the Marine Corps as his branch of choice was a decision explained just as easily.

"It's supposed to be an elite outfit, so it's what I picked," he said.

United States Marine Corps, third division, ninth regiment, third battalion, K company was where Doran ended up, and after signing up he was sent to California for boot camp.

Boot camp was in San Diego, followed by training at a portion of Camp Pendleton up in the hills, "where all the snakes were," Doran said.

Boot camp was, as a bit of an understatement, tough.

"Boot camp was some of the toughest training," he said. "It was 8 weeks, and I had to stay an extra two weeks because I couldn't swim."

Tough was also a definition, also an understatement, that fit Doran, though.

"I decided I was going to make it through it, so I did," he said. "I lost a lot of weight after I went through boot camp."

Leaving Camp Pendleton, Doran was next sent overseas to Guam for further training.

"It was supposed to be secured, but we had an eight day push to the jungles to clean out what was left," he said. "It was thick jungle. We had to use knives to chop through."

There were also plenty of snakes in the jungle . . . although after time in the hills in Camp Pendleton, Doran was used to this.

It was January of 1944 that Doran left Guam. Arriving at Iwo Jima on Feb. 26, 1945, he was greeted with fierce fighting.

"We were actually pinned down," he said. "About half the company had been killed. We had to wait for replacements. The captain was killed the first day, my platoon lieutenant was killed the first day. About 200 in the company. About half of them were killed the first day."

After three days of fighting, Doran was in a foxhole with two other men when a mortar shell hit.

"It killed the one guy," he said. "I don't know what happened to the other one. I probably was temporarily knocked out, and then I pushed up through . . . The guys from the next foxhole came out and pulled me out, put a tourniquet on my arm. Then I was carried out of there."

The soil at Iwo Jima was composed nearly entirely of volcanic ash.

"That's what that whole island was," Doran said. "My face was completely full of it."

Details are fuzzy for Doran, as he was on morphine at the time, but he remembers being shipped out on a hospital ship, sent to Saipan, and then flown to the Hawaiian islands.

From there, after a month, he was sent to a hospital in Oakland, Calif., and finally to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, where he stayed for 11 months.

"It was kind of a blur after I was wounded," he said.

The blast had put so much volcanic ash into him that he had lost his eyesight. He said that at first, he could see a little light, but after a surgery was attempted to correct his vision, he could see nothing.

"They said my eyes were so full of that volcanic ash that they couldn't see into them," he said. "That's the first thing I remembered at the hospital. One of their help was rubbing my face. Trying to get that ash out. I imagine it looked like a mask."

For the man that got through boot camp with grit and determination, however, his lost vision didn't seem to slow him down. In his time at the hospital he learned Braille, and even took a trip up to New York City with a group.

"They took us from there for a week up to New York to the Institute for the Blind in New York City, and we were there for a week," he said. "And they took us out to the big night clubs at night for eats and drinks. We met Guy Lombardo at the Roosevelt Hotel."

He also married his wife, who was from Ogden, during a furlough. When he went back to Philadelphia Naval Hospital, his wife came with him and got a job at the facility.

It was at the hospital that Doran was presented with the Purple Heart for his service to his country.

After being discharged from the service, Doran received training at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines on how to make rugs—a task he picked up quickly and enjoyed for years.

"I made rugs and that kind of stuff for 25 years," he said. "I've got to liking it."

Doran also keeps in contact with the men of K company—sending out Christmas cards to a list that has slowly been dwindling as the years go on. These days, he sends out about 10–12 cards each year to men from the company.

Billie Ellis, who works for Boone County Public Health, helps Doran out at home, and knowing him for 25 years she describes him as a perfectionist.

"He was a perfectionist and he still is," she said. "He likes everything done right."

Over the years, the ash has been taken from Doran's face, although one piece next to his nose did develop into cancer.

"They told me right before the surgery that a lot of them don't live through the surgery, so that didn't sound very good," he said.

A lot of people don't live through the surgery, but even fewer survive a mortar shell landing in their foxhole. Doran went through the 11½ hour surgery 25 years ago without problems. After all, having survived Iwo Jima, cancer is just another challenge to overcome.

Now, looking back on his time in the service, Doran vividly recalls stories of his service with sharp clarity. He claims that the military taught him discipline, and he's proud of joining a legacy of military service in his family—having had a brother, John F. Doran, fight in the Battle of the Bulge and his father serve in the Army during World War I.

These days, Doran said, the military is different. Soldiers now use technologically advanced weapons. The soldiers that are fighting, however, don't seem to have changed much. Ellis has a son that just joined the Marine Corps. When he was seen off, in addition to family members, Doran was there as well. After all, Marines support each other—both in WWII and today.

"He wished my son good luck," Ellis said. "They always talk about the Marines."

I commend Bert Doran for his many years of loyalty and service to our great Nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPTER 227 OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

#### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the 25th Anniversary of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227. Founded in 1978, Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA, is the only national veterans organization exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families. Currently, there are 46 state councils and 630 local chapters with more than 50,000 individual members. VVA's goals are to promote and support issues that are important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

One local chapter, VVA Chapter 227, serves the needs of Vietnam veterans who live in Northern Virginia, and I commend them for their dedication and commitment to our veterans. Chapter 227 was founded in 1985 with 15 people meeting at the NCO club at Fort Myer. Since then, the chapter has grown and continues to be an engaged and active asset in the community.

Chapter services include providing support to homeless veterans, assisting in maintaining the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, awarding the Vince Kaspar Prizes

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for Excellence in the Arts to area high school students, and educating its membership and the public about addressing the needs of veterans. It is an inspiration that so many continue to answer the call to serve after the battle is done; there is no better advocate for veterans in need than those who understand the challenges they face.

The founding principal of Vietnam Veterans of America is: "Never again, will one generation of Veterans abandon another". But in many cases, Vietnam veterans were abandoned by entire segments of the country. The government often failed to provide necessary services, and, tragically, some of the American public wrongly turned their opposition to the war into disrespect for our brave men and women who served in uniform. Instead of receiving the honor due all American service members, many received scorn. VVA works tirelessly to right these wrongs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking VVA Chapter 227 and all VVA chapters for their service to their community and our nation. Their service is a living reminder of the sacrifices our service men and women make from generation to generation. I also ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude and respect of our nation to those Vietnam-era veterans who served so bravely. I pledge that I will continue working to protect and improve the services and benefits so richly deserved by American servicemembers of all generations.

CELEBRATING THE 100 YEARS OF  
SERVICE OF THE WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB OF ROSEVILLE

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Women's Improvement Club of Roseville. Since its foundation in 1910, the Club has been a community service organization benefiting the City of Roseville and surrounding areas. The clubs numerous contributions to our community have included the founding of the city's first library, developing Woodbridge Park, contributing annually to the restoration of the El Dorado and Tahoe National Forests, spearheading several educational and arts programs and providing invaluable support to area veterans and service members. Furthermore, the Club's members contribute invaluable time and resources to community events, as well as to local and international charities.

Madam Speaker, it is without doubt that our community is a better place today as a result of the constant dedication of the Women's Improvement Club of Roseville. I am proud to recognize and thank the Club for a century of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST.  
CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the faculty, staff, parents and students of St. Christopher School for winning the 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

Blue Ribbon Schools is a Department of Education program that honors schools whose students have attained an extraordinarily high level of achievement or who regularly overcome socioeconomic barriers to academic success. Schools are judged according to strict criteria based on test scores and student demographics. Winners generally maintain a school culture of community involvement, high expectations for student achievement, an emphasis on teaching to the whole child and a dedication to developing leadership skills. This year, only 304 schools throughout America attained this prestigious award. I am proud to count St. Christopher School among them.

St. Christopher School is a Catholic School in Rocky River, Ohio that strives to develop its students spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally. Students are taught to become healthy, loving, well-rounded leaders with a lifelong dedication to learning and to living out Christian values.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating those who have worked hard to make St. Christopher School a nurturing and academically rigorous institution.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. CONNIE  
SHAFFERY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Connie Shaffery, who has dedicated herself to the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Connie has proven herself to be an exceptional communicator and representative for the United States Army and Fort Knox. Connie will retire after 28 years of devoted service.

Connie graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a BA in Communication and continued her education, graduating from the Defense Information School's Public Affairs Officers' Course.

Connie began working in Army Public Affairs at the Philadelphia Recruiting Battalion in 1987. She moved to the Baltimore Recruiting Battalion in 1990 to accept a position as their chief of advertising and public affairs. Because of her proven skills and leadership, Connie was promoted in 1993 to a position with the Military District of Washington as their community relations officer.

A move to Fort Knox, Ky., led to a position as the chief of advertising and public affairs for the 3rd Recruiting Brigade, overseeing activities in seven recruiting battalions throughout the north central states. In 2003, she was promoted to be the Army Armor Center and Fort Knox public affairs officer, a position she held for over seven years.

This year, she was temporarily promoted to be the public affairs officer for Army Accessions Command where she was responsible for managing the commanding general's public affairs activities throughout the command and within the local Fort Knox region.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Connie Shaffery for her commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, our nation and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND  
FAUSTO STAMPIGLIA

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity today to congratulate Reverend Fausto Stampiglia of St. Martha's Church in Sarasota, Florida, for receiving the Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award from the Roman Catholic Church for his outstanding service to the Church.

Translated, the award means for "Church and Pope." It is the highest honor a priest can receive from the Pope.

Father Stampiglia was presented the award by Bishop Frank J. Dewane, on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI, who noted his service and dedication to the people of St. Martha's Parish and to the Diocese of Venice.

Father Stampiglia was installed as pastor of St. Martha's in 1991 and is the head priest of St. Martha Catholic School. He celebrates masses in Vietnamese and the Tridentine Rite and has been a strong supporter of several charitable programs in the Sarasota area.

For the Diocese of Venice, he is currently Dean of the Northern Deanery, Director of the Permanent Diaconate Office and Board, and serves on the College of Consultors, Peer Review Committee and School Board, as well as an ex-officio member of the Presbyteral Council.

On behalf of the many individuals and families he has faithfully served within Florida's 13th District, I thank Father Stampiglia for his service to his church and community.

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge he has rightfully received this prestigious award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 visiting a constituent at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. If I were present, I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 572, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 332—Providing for the House to adjourn for the Thanksgiving District Work Period.

## REPUBLIC DAY IN TURKEY

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the citizens of Turkey and Turkish Americans on the 87th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 1923. This is one of the most important dates in Turkey's history. And it is equally meaningful to the United States as it formed the cornerstone which enabled Turkey to become a strategic partner and close NATO ally.

After the 600 year old Ottoman Empire disintegrated, Mustafa Kemal, also known as the George Washington of Turkey, led a three year war of independence. This culminated with the newly founded parliament formally abolishing the Sultanate, on November 1, 1922, thus ending 723 years of Ottoman rule. The Treaty of Lausanne of July 24, 1923, led to the international recognition of the sovereignty of the newly established "Republic of Turkey" as the successor state of the Ottoman Empire.

Following considerable debate and discussion, the Turkish Parliament proclaimed the Republic on the evening of October 29, 1923. Fifteen minutes after the Parliamentary proclamation, Mustafa Kemal (later known as Atatürk), was elected President of the Republic. This historic decision was marked by a 101 gun salute. The significance of the event was also noted by Atatürk, who stated that, "the proclamation of the Republic was enthusiastically received by the nation. This enthusiasm was manifested everywhere by brilliant demonstrations."

Turkey's economy has grown at an impressive rate, and the country is now a member of the G-20, a European Union candidate, and an active and important player in various international organizations. Turkey and the U.S. have been close friends, partners and allies for many decades. However, the Turkish-American relationship goes beyond a simple bilateral friendship. Rather it has become a strategic partnership based on shared values, interests and ideals. U.S.-Turkish cooperation extends across a wide range of issues, including combating terrorism, promoting economic trade and energy security, fostering peace and stability in Afghanistan and Iraq, and advancing principles of democracy and freedom throughout the globe.

I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Turkish Americans and the Turkish public on this important occasion.

## EDITH SAVAGE-JENNINGS

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Edith Savage-Jennings, a paragon of the Civil Rights Movement whose accomplishments on behalf of the movement are surpassed only by her humility about them. "It was just the work that was called for," she has said. As I understand, she is currently working on a book to be entitled "Behind Closed

Doors," she said, because that is where the most important work on any movement is done.

Let me open the door for you, just a little, so you will come to know and appreciate this paragon of the Civil Rights Movement as I do. First, she started early—when she was 9. She would tell her mother she was going to the library, but instead she would go to the Statehouse in Trenton and watch the proceedings of the New Jersey Assembly from the balcony. Despite getting in trouble for that fib, she persisted in her efforts to learn and to lead.

When she was 13, movie theaters in Trenton were still segregated. Black moviegoers—like Edith—were required to sit in the balcony. But she went to the theater with several friends, including future Mayor of New York, David Dinkins, and they sat downstairs. When asked to move to the balcony, they refused. And she's been making history quietly, but forcefully, ever since.

Whatever road the civil rights struggle took her down, she did her best. In 1963, she was one of six women asked by President Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy to ferret out particular areas of unrest in the struggle to desegregate schools in Mississippi. She became one of the "Wednesdays Women," who travelled in interracial teams to Mississippi in 1964 to advance the cause of desegregation through what you might call white-glove diplomacy. Accompanied by Helen Meyner, wife of New Jersey Governor Bob Meyner, they landed in Mississippi, only to be greeted by white men spitting on the floor in front of them. "They'd never seen a black woman and a white woman travelling together," she said.

They continued on. On Wednesdays, they would bring supplies to rural communities on the front lines of the struggle to end segregation. On Thursdays, dressed in heels, pearls and white gloves, they would meet white and black women for tea and cookies to discuss peaceful ways to desegregate the elementary schools and to resolve the white women's suspicions about the Civil Rights Movement. On this visit, as Mrs. Meyner introduced herself, she shook everyone's hand. In another quiet act of rebellion, Edith took off her white glove, and the women wouldn't shake her hand. But the schools were desegregated.

Over the years, she has been praised and followed for her leadership skills and prowess. She was introduced to Martin Luther King, Jr., in 1957 at a rally in Trenton because, the minister at Shiloh Baptist Church said at the time, she's "a great fundraiser." She became a lifelong friend of the Kings. In 1964, she accompanied Fannie Lou Hamer onto the floor of the Democratic National Convention, where she delivered her famous "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired" speech. She has visited the White House under five different Presidents. She was close friends with Rosa Parks, and brought her and many other civil rights leaders to Trenton. She's been a member of the NAACP for life, and won more than 80 awards for her selfless, tireless work. In 2005, her name was added to the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama, to honor her 50 years of civil rights service. Last year, she was inducted into the National Civil Rights Museum, located at the hotel in Memphis where King was assassinated, and the National Park Service Archives for Black Women's History in Washington DC.

But her humility is one of her most endearing qualities. When President Kennedy called her to action in 1963, she didn't believe it was him. So he put his brother Bobby on the phone and said "Bobby, say hello to Mrs. Savage so she'll know I'm the President." When she was inducted into the National Civil Rights Museum, among other personal items she donated was a pair of red loafers she had worn in 1968 while demonstrating in the rain and mud at the Poor People's Campaign commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. The shoes still bore the mud from that day. "I put them in a box [and] never pulled them out," she said "but I saved them because to me they were part of a historical situation."

I am proud to say Edith Savage-Jennings has been a resident of Trenton since the age of 2. At the mass in her honor after her induction into the National Civil Rights Museum she said "I want people to know that no one does this alone." Even so, the particular manner, the quiet resoluteness, and the tide of contributions of some simply stand out. Edith Savage-Jennings is one such person.

## TRIBUTE TO DEAN BRILEY

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OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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(By Greg Eckstrom)

Military service for the Briley family was a family affair.

Dean Briley, a Boone County native, along with his three brothers, all found themselves serving their country overseas during WWII, although each stationed in different areas.

For Briley, with the war already raging, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 as a petty officer third class. He was sworn-in in Des Moines and was sent to Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Ill., near Chicago. Boot camp in the winter in the Midwest was, to say the least, a bit chilly.

"It was cold," Briley said flatly. "We didn't have any hot water. We were in a new barracks, and they hadn't gotten hot water to it yet, so we shaved and everything in cold water."

Following boot camp, Briley and his wife were sent to Arlington, Va., where they didn't have a place to stay, but had jobs.

"The first place I went to was in Washington D.C. at the Bureau of Naval Personnel, supervising naval and civilian personnel," Briley said. "When we went, they didn't have a place for us, so we had to find our own lodging. I guess the first couple of nights we stayed in the Red Cross place until we found a place to live. We were figuring officers' longevity pay. I was there a year and a half. My wife was with me then. She worked in the Navy Department. In Arlington, same place I did. We lived in Washington, D.C."

From there, Briley went through amphibious training and was assigned to LCI Flotilla 28 staff. The flotilla consisted of 28 ships, with Briley stationed on one of the smallest. At 150 feet long and only 25 feet wide, it was the smallest seagoing vessel that could cross the ocean by itself.

"I had never actually seen the ocean until then," Briley said. "It only drew four feet of water, it had a flat bottom and it was like a cork out there."

The small ship sailed from Norfolk, Va. to Bizerte, Tunisia in a 150-ship convoy. The trip took 21 days, after detouring for three days to avoid German submarines.

Once the ship arrived on land, Briley said they couldn't have liberty in Bizerte since it was quarantined with black plague, so the men were given a two-day pass to go to Tunis.

"We met up with a soldier that knew a family there and he would give them some rations that included bacon," he said. "We stayed the night with them and had bacon and eggs for breakfast. That was a treat."

Briley spent 1½ years in the Mediterranean Sea area, with much of the time spent in port. The day-to-day tasks for him included primarily making a news sheet for the men.

He recalls one particular time, while he was in Palermo, that he had a chance to see the catacombs.

"We went down in the catacombs," he said. There were bodies laying right out on shelves and stuff. I don't think they show those anymore."

Meanwhile, Briley had no communication with his brothers. In fact, while he was headed overseas, one of his brothers was headed back to the United States with an injury—one that could have been much worse.

"He was in a foxhole when a bomb hit alongside him and buried him, but his head went into his helmet and then after they took care of the wounded up above, they dug him out and he ended up with just some back injury," he said. "They were in on the front line for I think it was over 300 days."

One interesting event for Briley also came after he and a friend borrowed a Jeep while in Naples and ventured to Rome. Although the two didn't do much inside the city, they did go to the Vatican and managed to be in the right place at the right time for a chance meeting with Pope Pius XII. He walked up to Briley, said "Hello American sailor," and blessed the religious items that Briley had been holding. Briley also kissed his ring.

"It was just luck," he said. "It was a big room. Then he comes out, just being friendly."

When Briley returned from Europe, he was on leave before returning to Norfolk, Va. To meet a ship to go through the Panama Canal to the Pacific when the bombs were dropped on Japan.

The news that the war had ended shortly after brought a different feeling than excitement for Briley.

"It was more relief," he said. "Actually, it's more for the family than anything."

I commend Dean Briley for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

## CONDEMNING BURMESE REGIME'S UNDEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

SPEECH OF

**HON. DIANE E. WATSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, the following is an exchange of letters that I would like to submit:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-  
MITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,

*Washington, DC, November 17, 2010.*

Hon. HOWARD L. BERMAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am writing you concerning H. Res. 1677 ("Resolution"), "Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010". As you know, the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means based on the Committee's jurisdiction over international trade.

I appreciate the productive discussions that we have had on this issue, resulting in our agreement to revise paragraph 9 of the Resolution, which I believe helps to clarify the intent and scope of the Resolution. I appreciate your commitment to reflect this agreement in the final Resolution.

In order to expedite this Resolution for floor consideration, the Committee on Ways and Means will forgo action on this Resolution and will not oppose its consideration on the suspension calendar, based on our understanding that you will reflect our agreement in the final Resolution. This is done with the understanding between our Committees that the Committee on Ways and Means does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the Resolution.

This letter also confirms my understanding that you will include a copy of your letter and this response in the Congressional Record during consideration of the Resolution on the House floor.

Sincerely,

SANDER M. LEVIN,  
*Chairman.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*Washington, DC, November 17, 2010.*

Hon. SANDER M. LEVIN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 1677, "Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010." As you know, the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

I agree that the Committee on Ways and Means has certain valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, and I appreciate your decision to waive further consideration of H. Res. 1677 in the interest of expediting consideration of this important measure. I understand that by agreeing to waive further consideration, the Committee on Ways and Means is not waiving its jurisdictional claims over similar measures in the future.

During consideration of this measure on the House floor, I will ask that this exchange

of letters be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,  
*Chairman.*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM CAPITOL HILL

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CLEAVER. I would like to submit the following article:

[From the Lexington News, Nov. 10, 2010]

EDITORIAL—HIGHLIGHTS FROM CAPITOL HILL

(By Joe Aull, State Representative 26th District)

An era in political history came to an end this past Tuesday when Congressman Skelton lost his bid for re-election to an 18th term in the United States Congress.

I believe that we all owe Congressman Skelton a huge thank you for exemplary service for the past 34 year. Ike has worked extremely hard and he has been responsible for so many good things that have happened in our area, our state and our country.

I could say many positive things about my good friend, Ike, but I can think of three issues that really jump out at me.

First of all, I was always so impressed with how well that Ike stayed in contact and in touch with the people in his district. I have never seen anyone work any harder and put in any more miles in traveling from city to city to meet and listen to the people who he represented.

I mentioned the word listen, and I continually saw Ike listening to what was on the minds of his constituents and I believe that he voted for what he thought was right for his people. I always believed that he truly cared about the welfare of the folks that he represented and he put that ahead of everything else.

Secondly, I was very impressed with the leadership that Ike provided as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. I don't know any Congressman that has been more committed to the well being of our service men and women, our veterans and military in general.

I know that Ike has spent much of his free time abroad visiting first hand with our troops and I always felt good knowing that a man of his military knowledge and total commitment was the head of one of the most important committees in Congress, especially in time of a difficult war.

The third and final thing that I would like to emphasize was the fact that Ike was always a true statesman and a positive role model as a Congressman. In a day when you hear of legislative scandals and the legislators who sell out to a particular interest group, I always believed that Ike was honest, trustworthy and a person with strong character, who always conducted himself admirably and in a very professional manner.

He always worked across the aisle with the other party, and he was a master of compromise and this helped him get many things accomplished for the good of his people. Ike was always the kind of person that I admired and trusted, and one who always tried to do things the right way.

I could go on and on, but let's suffice it to say thank you Ike for all that you have done for so many of us, for always going the extra mile and for truly caring for those of us whom you represented.

I will always be proud to say that you were my Congressman and I am deeply honored to call you my good friend.

TRIBUTE TO DEL PAPA  
DISTRIBUTING

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, this month Del Papa Distributing Company is celebrating its 100th anniversary. I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the owners and employees of the Del Papa Distributing Company.

The Del Papa Distributing Company originated in 1910 as a wholesaler grocery and wine business called Celli and Del Papa in Galveston, Texas. The grocery store was founded by two Italian immigrants, Frank Celli and Omro Del Papa, Sr. Misters Celli and Del Papa ran the business until Mr. Del Papa returned to Italy in 1920. Mr. Del Papa retained his business and real estate interests in Galveston and he returned to Texas in 1930. Upon his return, Mr. Del Papa established the O. Del Papa Commission Company, and became a distributor for the Anheuser-Busch company. Since the United States was still under Prohibition at that time, the Del Papa Commission Company distributed baker's yeast, olive oil, and ginger ale. When prohibition ended, the Del Papa Distributing Company began distributing beer. In the early 1960s the company's name was changed to The Del Papa Distributing Company.

The Del Papa Distributing Company has always been a family business. Over the years, all of Mr. Del Papa's sons have worked in the business, including the current chairman of the board, Lawrence J. Del Papa, Sr., who first worked for the company in 1939 as a delivery man. Today, Omero Del Papa's grandson, Larry Del Papa, Jr., serves as President of the company, a position he has held since 1988.

The Del Papa Distributing Company has come a long way since Frank Celli and Omro Del Papa opened their small grocery store in Galveston. Today, the company has major distribution centers in Galveston, Beaumont, and Victoria, over 2,700 retail accounts covering 17 counties, and 350 employees distributing over 350 beer brands. There is even a street named for the company at the intersection of Business 59 and Del Papa Street in Galveston.

The Del Papa Distributing Company has survived major hurricanes, two world wars, and the 1947 explosion in Texas City, which is the worst man-made disaster in American history. Every time their community has faced a challenge, the owners and employees of Del Papa Distributing Company stepped up to help their fellow citizens. Everyone at the Del Papa Distributing Company takes great pride in their tradition of civic and charitable involvement. The Del Papa Distributing Company has initiated and assisted with many community service activities from blood drives to military programs to disaster relief. The Del Papa Distributing Company also donates to CASA, Children's Advocacy Center, and The Arts of Victoria, created a GI Joe/GI Jane holiday care package project to support the troops who must spend the holidays overseas away from their families. The Del Papa Distributing Company has also been a major contributor to the fundraising efforts of numerous wildlife organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, Coastal Conservation Association and the Rocky

Mountain Elks organization. The Del Papa Distributing Company has also participated in the Keep Texas Beautiful Campaigns.

The Del Papa Distributing Company is also a co-founder of the Galveston Black Heritage foundation and a supporter of the League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC. The Del Papa Distributing Company also partners with Anheuser-Busch to promote responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages through the "Responsibility Matters" program.

Madam Speaker, anyone familiar with Del Papa Distributing Company's history of civic involvement should hardly be surprised that the company kicked off its 100th anniversary celebrations with the announcement that it would endow scholarships to 13 community and four-year colleges located through the 17 counties they service.

The Del Papa Distributing Company is truly a great Texan and American success story and the company's long history of civic and charitable involvement should serve as inspiration to all. It is therefore my pleasure to once again extend my congratulations and best wishes to the owners and employees of the Del Papa Distributing Company on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO MILO DEUEL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Milo Deuel, a World War II Army veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Milo Deuel was recognized on Tuesday, October 12. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: MILO DEUEL

(By Greg Eckstrom)

Before going into the service, Milo Deuel had read of a soldier who had been in the civil war and carried a little Bible with him in his breast pocket. The soldier in the story had gotten shot with a mini ball, and the Bible had ended up saving his life.

So when Deuel joined the Army Enlisted Reserve Corps while in junior college in Missouri, and was called to active duty, he brought with him a small book given to him by his Methodist minister, entitled "Strength for Service to God and Country." As his service brought him around the world, he chronicled the places he had been on the back leaf of the book, serving as a memory for the places he'd gone and the things he'd seen.

Commonly, veterans have a difficult time recalling experiences from war to non-veterans because it can be a painful experience. Deuel is similar in this way, however his little book provides him reminders with each neatly-printed location and date on the back leaf.

"They won't say a thing about it," Deuel said. "My wife says I'm the same way, and the older I got, the more liberal I got with what I did and what happened. But some things that happened I don't really care to think about or talk about."

Yet, with the bad comes the good—the camaraderie amongst soldiers, the experience

one gains by being a part of history and the stories that come from service.

Deuel was sent to Camp Roberts in California in 1943, where he was trained for desert warfare. He learned how to endure high temperatures, how to get along with little water and how to shoot, Deuel said. After his training, he was given a short furlough to go home and say goodbye to his family before heading back to the west coast and then overseas.

Deuel remembered well being stationed in the Guadalcanal Islands and "distinguishing himself," although not in a heroic fashion. Heading home from a movie, he noticed coconuts scattered on the ground around trees, and felt the urge to cut one open and have a drink.

"I had never seen a coconut tree before in my life," he said. "I didn't know that when a coconut fell on the ground and laid there several days or weeks, the milk fermented and made a soap-like substance. I ended up in the base hospital in Guadalcanal for 10 days drinking paregoric. It had a terrible taste to it. After a while, about the third or fourth day, it tasted pretty good."

From Guadalcanal, he went to Munda, New Georgia, where he "went on a few patrols."

"I'm glad I didn't have to fight anybody, but that jungle warfare really didn't appeal to me," Deuel said.

Neither did the late-night wake-ups from Japanese aircraft in the area.

"They had a big air strip in there covered with white coral," he said. "The Japanese would send a lone plane around midnight two or three times a week to keep us awake. We called him 'Midnight Charlie.' He'd come over, and the anti-aircraft guns would open up. They never hit him, but it'd keep us awake."

After serving between 6-8 weeks in New Georgia, Deuel was sent to New Zealand, which he described as "a Godsend."

"It was just like going from green hell to green heaven," he said. "And they treated us like kings down there. One of the great treats was to have fresh milk and ice cream, which we hadn't seen for several weeks."

It was during Deuel's four months in New Zealand that he found himself moved to regimental supply—a position that saw him distributing rations to the troops. Pleasing the troops was his job, one that was made easy when the rations were bigger.

"I was really popular then, which wasn't very often," he joked.

He then went to Papua New Guinea, followed by a stint in Luzon, where he saw his "most exciting" days of his service in the Invasion of Luzon on Jan. 9, 1945.

Regimental supply was divided into two teams, and offloaded from the troop ship in a bay to a landing craft loaded with large drums that appeared to be filled with gasoline. As the fourth or fifth wave to go in on Jan. 9, Deuel's unit was shelled out and had to wait.

"The Japanese had some artillery guns that were hidden back in the hills, and they would let go with those every now and then. We couldn't make the beach, so we sat out in the bay all day and then the following day, the 10th, we went in with no problem at all."

It was in Luzon that Deuel said he learned a powerful lesson working with a Filipino crew.

"I found there you couldn't judge a man by his color," he said. "Whether he was black or brown or white, it was what was in his heart. I made some good friends with the Filipino people."

Deuel recalls one conversation he had with the head Filipino man he worked with—

Juan. In the town of Santa Maria, Deuel heard a jazz band marching down the road playing an upbeat song—"Roll Out the Barrel"—that he had heard from Camp Roberts. As the band came within sight, Deuel saw it was a funeral procession—escorting the caskets of a mother and child. Shocked, Deuel asked Milo why they didn't play something more mournful.

"He said, 'Milo, think about it. Do you think that when you die you go to a better place?' I said, 'I certainly hope so.' He says, 'That's what we do. We're happy that they're gone out of this d\* \* \* mess that we're in. They're gone to a better place.'"

Deuel saw promotions quickly in Luzon, going from a buck private to a staff sergeant in four weeks. He was next sent to Japan for six weeks as part of occupation troops after the war had ended, where he had a chance to see "how effective our bombers had been. There were miles and miles of nothing."

After those six weeks, he received the news. "Milo Deuel, pack your duffle, get on the next ship. You're headed for home," he recalled.

He traveled back home highly decorated. All in all, he received several awards, including a sharpshooter's badge, a combat infantry badge, the Bronze Star and a presidential citation medal. Upon arriving home, the biggest shock was the guy waiting to greet him.

"My greatest surprise coming home, I didn't have a little brother anymore," he said. "That sucker had grown up after four or five years since I had been home. He was as tall as I was."

Deuel remained in contact with many of the men he'd served with. He'd seen strong friendships throughout his service, and a wide variety of places, as he'd documented in his little book, which returned home with him. In it, he had filled two of the small pages in the back of the book—each recounting memories of places he had been and things he had seen.

A good friend from the service he'd lost contact with entered his mind recently, prompting Deuel to look him up and write a letter to the mayor of the man's town—Maiden, North Carolina—to inquire about him. The mayor responded to let Deuel know the man had passed away, but a letter soon followed . . . from the man's daughter.

"She said, 'Daddy would never tell me a thing about WWII. Tell me what he did,'" Deuel recalled.

So Deuel grabbed the book—the one that had stuck with him all through his service—and flipped it open to the last two pages. Looking through the dates, the memories came flooding back, and he began writing. It might be difficult for him to talk about his service, but he wanted to share with the girl what her father had gone through.

"There were good days and bad days," Deuel said. "So I copied a lot of this stuff. Each date gave me a remembrance of something that happened to us. So the poor thing knows what her daddy did."

I commend Milo Deuel for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING TURKEY'S REPUBLIC DAY

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to honor

our friend and ally Turkey. On October 29, 1923, the Turkish constitution was amended and Turkey officially became a Republic.

During the Presidency of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the nation embarked upon a program of political, economic, and cultural reforms. The nation of Turkey now stands as a modern, secular nation-state which has been a long time friend to the United States.

Turkey's economy has grown at a record pace and literacy and education rates continue to climb. Turkey stands as an inspiration to reformers in the greater Middle East and throughout the world.

Over the past 87 years, Turkey's relationship with the United States has grown. Turkey has been a partner to the United States in NATO, the United Nations, as well as on the War on Terror. Beginning in the bloody Korean War of 1950, Turkish and American troops have fought side by side for victory over communism in The Cold War. Moreover, Turkey's work on human rights and energy security for Europe should be commended. Turkey has provided critical humanitarian and medical assistance in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

We should congratulate the people and the Government of Turkey for their efforts over the past 87 years and we look forward to building on the current relationship in the future.

#### HONORING ROBERT COHEN

#### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a celebrated filmmaker and proud resident of my district, Robert Cohen. I've known Robert for many years and have always been impressed by his work as an artist and public servant, and it is an honor to commemorate him today.

Robert was born in Philadelphia in 1930 and moved to Los Angeles at the age of 9. After graduating from UCLA in 1952, Bob began his professional film career as a writer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and a cameraman for NATO. In early 1956, Bob was honorably discharged from the Army and was able to devote his full energy to a film career that was already taking off.

In the 50-plus years since Bob released his first works, including "Mister Wister the Time Twister" and "The Color of Man," Bob has filmed, edited, written, produced or contributed to over 20 films, documentaries and television productions. His work spans the political to the historical, the local to the international, and he has been celebrated around the world as a filmmaker, artist and visionary.

It is an honor both to serve as Bob's representative in Congress and to call him my friend and colleague. I wish him many more accomplishments and know that he will achieve continued success behind the camera, in front of the classroom and in the many exciting endeavors that await him as he inspires a new generation to political activism and public service. Thank you, Bob, for your friendship and leadership, and best wishes.

HONORING TARPON SPRINGS  
FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary on its 30th Anniversary. While Pinellas County is home to many excellent schools, Tarpon Springs Fundamental brings a special quality of a back-to-basics focus to its students.

The school's focus emphasizes student responsibility, structure, and academic success. This focus extends to parents as well with mandatory parental involvement in parent-teacher conferences and meetings. However, their involvement stems much further than what is required. Many parents can also be seen volunteering throughout the campus tutoring, mentoring, helping with daily classroom activities, or enjoying lunch with their child.

Tarpon Springs Fundamental is one of the smallest schools in Pinellas County, so in conjunction with its highly structured curriculum model, it fosters a familiar, tight-knit atmosphere. The staff and families are able to know one another on a personal basis, providing the foundation for educators and parents to work as a team to promote strong academic skills and values.

It is truly my honor to recognize Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. I look forward to watching the school continue to develop generation after generation of young minds with the core principals it has thrived on for so long.

#### HONORING PAUL KELLEY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congresswoman LYNN WOOLSEY to recognize Paul Kelley who is retiring after 16 years as a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Congresswoman WOOLSEY and I have the distinct privilege of representing Sonoma County and both of our tenures in the House have coincided with Mr. Kelley's tenure on the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Kelley represents the northern most supervisorial district in Sonoma County, which is home to one of the finest wine grape-growing and wine-producing regions in the world. His support of agriculture and agriculture-related industries is deep seated. He grew up on a small farm outside of Santa Rosa and spent his summers as a youth working on neighboring ranches and farms in the area. As a supervisor, his work included helping to bridge the gap between the water needs of farmers and fisheries, in supporting measures that guaranteed that 22,000 acres in his district would be protected under the county's Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District acquisitions and encouraging businesses and farmers to embrace green technology.



Supervisor Kelley also helped create new parks and recreational facilities throughout his district, including the Boys & Girls Club in Windsor, and renovate existing youth facilities in Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Larkfield-Wikiup.

He was the key proponent of returning commercial air service to the Charles M. Schulz/Sonoma County Airport. The regional airport now has daily flights to four western cities.

Supervisor Kelley's special assignments on the board included membership on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the North Coast Rail Authority, the Water Agency Committee, the Local Agency Formation Commission (Chair), the Eel Russian River Commission (Chair), the Redwood Empire Association, the North Coast Air Pollution Control District, the North Coastal Counties Supervisors' Association, the Public Policy Facilitating Committee, the Sonoma County Advertising Program, the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Program and the Association of California Water Agencies (President).

Madam Speaker, after 16 years of public service to the people of Sonoma, Paul Kelley deserves to enjoy the riches of this new phase of his life as a water and transportation consultant. We wish him well.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM FERRY

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize William Ferry, a World War II Army veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. William Ferry was recognized on Tuesday, October 5. Below is the article in its entirety:

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: WILLIAM FERRY

(By Greg Eckstrom)

William Ferry joined the Army, along with his cousin, for pretty much the usual reasons.

"My cousin and I, we were going to be big shots," Ferry said with a laugh.

In many ways, Ferry was.

Originally from Pilot Mound, and returning to Boone after World War II, where he lived at the same address his whole life, Ferry entered his military career by volunteering rather than being drafted.

"My cousin and I decided to join the Army and see the world, so we went down and joined the Army," he said. "Well, that's the last I'd seen of him for three years."

Ferry, although speaking in a serious voice, seemed to put a lighter spin on his military experience than some. In recalling his basic training at Spokane, Wash., Ferry remembers learning how to type.

"They asked if I could type," he said. "And they gave me a book and said, 'Here, you've got a week to learn.' They give me a book and let me go."

The definition of self-taught, Ferry breezed through the book and learned to use a typewriter, admittedly saying that fortunately he didn't have to learn how to type extremely quickly.

While going through basic training in Washington, Ferry met the woman he would later marry . . . a marriage that happened prior to Ferry heading overseas for service. The position that Ferry was assigned to, however, didn't lend itself to easing the worries of his new bride's parents on their daughter's husband.

"They put me in a cryptographic section, which is decoding and encoding secret messages," he said. "The FBI checked out my family, her family and everybody she knew and everybody they knew. Her folks got to wondering what was going on."

The background check passed, however, and Ferry was sent overseas.

"They got us on a boat, and they made MPs out of us," he said. "We had to be an MP . . . had to work four hours on and four hours off for seven days a week for 31 days. And we ended up in India."

The boat pulled into a harbor with a large sign supported on two columns, reading "Gateway to India." They had landed in Bombay.

Ferry was put onto a train and traveled for a week until he arrived at his post—a building that, putting it lightly, was a rather safe place to be stationed.

"We went to a building that was inside of a compound that had about a 10 foot wall around us," he said. "We worked behind locked doors and we had to decode and encode incoming messages and outgoing messages to the headquarters."

The work was interesting, however the climate was hot. Ferry said it took him six months just to get used to the heat. Then came the monsoons.

"They blew the roof off of our barracks one night, which was made out of grass," he said. "I never heard it rain so hard than down there when that monsoon hit. It really rained."

Ferry recalls one night that he was working alone at the compound, decoding a message that had come in while a general paced back and forth behind him. Ferry wasn't sure what he was there for, but he decoded the message, and watched the general grab it and take off. He found out the next day that the message he had decoded was the one giving the orders to bomb Hiroshima.

Heading back to the United States following his time overseas, Ferry recalls arriving in Miami and the feeling of relief to be back in his country.

"I got back to Miami, got down and kissed the ground," he said.

Returning, arguably as a big shot, Ferry fondly recalls his time in the service, noting his favorite part as being the opportunity to travel.

"Just seeing the world," he said.

I commend William Ferry for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING AMERICAN PHILHARMONIC-SONOMA COUNTY

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with pleasure today to celebrate the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County which has been honored with an invitation from the government of China and the Dalian Yuan Concert Production Company to tour northern China over this coming New Year's holiday.

The tour will be sponsored and supported almost entirely by the Chinese government and will include eight concerts in 12 days in Shanghai, Beijing, Yantai, and Qindao.

Known as the "people's orchestra," the American Philharmonic performs free concerts at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa, California, in keeping with their mission: "To make the beauty of music and the power of community alive and available for everyone."

Founded 12 years ago, the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County has been offering a variety of musical performances as an all-volunteer organization, with both amateur and professional musicians, 60 to 75 in all. According to volunteer cellist Brian Lloyd, "We give our time and talent out of love for the music and belief that the gift of beautiful music is nurturing for the community."

The program on the Chinese tour will celebrate our cultural connections by including American, Chinese, and European music. Music Director Gabriel Sakakeeny will lead the orchestra, and featured soloists will be Sonoma State University piano professor Marilyn Thompson and French violinist Solenn Seguillon.

"This is an incredible opportunity for American Philharmonic," says Maestro Sakakeeny. "It is such an honor to be invited to perform in the Carnegie halls of China, and we are looking forward to sharing our music and representing our country to the Chinese people. It's going to be an amazing tour."

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the American Philharmonic-Sonoma County on the eve of a major tour that will share our local treasure with the people of China.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. LESTER CARTER

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Lester Carter, recipient of the James Baker Award from the Milwaukee Community Brainstorming Conference (CBC). The CBC was established to inform the community about a range of facts, issues, and solutions that relate to the well-being of the African American community. The forum offers a venue for interaction between policy makers and the community and an opportunity for the community to express their needs and expectations.

Dr. Carter has been the owner and pharmacist of Carter's Drug Store for over 43 years and is located in the heart of the inner city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He provides a holistic approach to his services, distributing a combination of standard pharmaceuticals and natural remedies to his clients. Dr. Carter is an expert on herbology and pharmacognosy which is the study of medicines derived from natural sources. In fact, he has developed special trademarked ointments, solutions and compounds available only at his pharmacy. Individuals from the entire metro Milwaukee area and throughout the country, from all nationalities swear by and purchase his formulations.

Dr. Carter graduated from Creighton University's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health

Professions in 1958; he was the only African American in his graduating class. After graduation, Dr. Carter worked for a pharmacy in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska formulating pills and ointments at the back of the store. There he honed skills he would later use to create his own medicines because the owner was afraid to allow him to serve white customers at the front of the store. In 1967, he moved to Wisconsin and six months later he opened his own pharmacy.

Dr. Carter's interests and impact reaches far beyond just filling prescriptions. He is very much aware of the health disparities facing African Americans and has used his extensive knowledge to help the community with health care problems ranging from healthy eating habits to diabetes. In fact, Dr. Carter is a certified diabetes educator and stocks his pharmacy with books about diet and herbology, old fashioned mouthwash, ointments and soaps.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues of the 111th Congress to join me in congratulating Dr. Lester Carter on receiving the James Baker Award. Dr. Lester Carter continues to provide immeasurable support and care to the African American Community and the Greater Milwaukee Community at large. I am proud that Dr. Carter is a resident of the 4th Congressional District and applaud his lifetime of accomplishments and success.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN VINCENT  
WILCZYNSKI UPON HIS RETIRE-  
MENT AS CHIEF OF THE ME-  
CHANICAL ENGINEERING SEC-  
TION OF THE COAST GUARD  
ACADEMY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CAPT Vincent Wilczynski. I want to commend Captain Wilczynski for his long and distinguished career as he retires as the Chief of the Mechanical Engineering Section of the Coast Guard Academy.

Captain Wilczynski has served as a visionary leader at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He received the national Professor of the Year award in 2001 and has worked extensively at FIRST Robotics, a non-profit organization that motivates young people to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering. Before assuming his current position at Yale, Captain Wilczynski cultivated and led the Mechanical Engineering Section as a Faculty Member and Chief of the Mechanical Engineering Section. He was also Head of the Engineering Department.

A 1983 USCGA graduate, Captain Wilczynski earned a graduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate from Catholic University. Captain Wilczynski's many accolades include the 2003 American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME, Distinguished Service Award, the 2005 ASME Edwin C. Church Medal for national contributions in engineering outreach and he was awarded a prestigious American Council on Education Fellowship in 2006.

Captain Wilczynski's outreach and leadership have been invaluable to the USCGA, to Yale and to the Connecticut community as a

whole. His unstinting dedication and innovative teaching have touched the lives of many Americans and his dedication will be remembered for years to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in thanking Captain Vincent Wilczynski for educating a generation of engineers and acting as an example to so many.

IN TRIBUTE TO HARRISON  
INDUSTRIES

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Madam Speaker, I rise in tribute to Harrison Industries, which is being recognized by the Ventura County Council, Boy Scouts of America, as Ventura County's Distinguished Citizen for 2010.

Harrison Industries is one of the oldest and largest privately owned trash collection businesses in the United States. It provides residential, commercial and industrial services to about 80,000 customers in Ventura, Camarillo, Fillmore, Ojai, Santa Paula, Thousand Oaks, the surrounding unincorporated areas of Ventura County and Carpinteria. In addition, Harrison-owned Gold Coast Recycling processes and markets the curbside recyclables for Santa Barbara County.

E.J. Harrison and Sons was founded in 1932. E.J. died in 1991 but his wife, Myra, remains with the company as founder. Four generations of Harrison family members are involved in the day-to-day operations of the company. Myra's oldest son, Ralph, is president while her other sons, Jim and Myron, serve as vice presidents.

Harrison Industries is on the forefront of the recycling movement in California. In addition, Harrison Industries opened the first liquefied natural gas fueling station in western Ventura County and converted a significant number of its diesel trucks to run on the cleaner burning LNG.

Harrison Industries has won many awards in recognition of its financial support of local non-profit organizations and community cultural events. The company has been particularly generous to organizations that help children such as the Boy Scouts of America. E.J. was a Pack leader for several years and taught his sons the traditions and expectations of the Boy Scouts. E.J.'s sons continue the Harrison family tradition of supporting the Boy Scouts.

Madam Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Harrison Industries for its business leadership, community service, deep commitment to public service and for exemplifying the values found in the Scout Oath and Law, and in congratulating the Harrison family for this well-earned recognition.

TRIBUTE TO KEN BARKWILL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ken Barkwill, a World War II Air Force veteran from Boone, Iowa, and to express my

appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Ken Barkwill was recognized on Tuesday, November 2. Below is the article in its entirety:

[From the Boone News Republican, Nov. 2, 2010]

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: KEN BARKWILL  
(By Greg Eckstrom)

Ken Barkwill found himself in World War II as a result of his love of model planes and trains.

Not in a literal sense, mind you. It's likely that Barkwill would have been drafted into a branch of the military during WWII and called to serve his country, but this love of building models—a seemingly insignificant interest—set in motion a series of events that guided him through an intriguing life thus far, and one that was guided by these interests.

Originally from Marion, this love of building models led a young Barkwill to a job at the local airport as a youth. As part of his pay, he received instruction at the airport and did some flying. He was hooked.

"That's why I wound up in the Air Force," he said. "Back in '43, there was a draft and I was going to be drafted. I'd been in the civil air patrol in high school. If you wanted to, you could go sign up ahead of time, and I wanted to go into the Air Force, so I went in April and signed up to go into the Air Force and finally got called up in September."

Barkwill took his training at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. The training was, in a word, "sandy."

"All I could think of was sand all over the place," Barkwill said. "Hot and sandy."

After getting through basic training, Barkwill went to college for five months at the University of Alabama before going to Texas where he worked on the line with guys waiting to get into school at Randolph Field in San Antonio. From there, Barkwill was sent to armament school in Denver, where after learning from others for his entire military career was given a strange offer from one of his instructors.

"Barkwill," he recalled the teacher asking. "How would you like to stay in Denver?"

He was offered a job as an instructor, after being identified as a "high achiever" along with two other individuals. Having a girlfriend in Denver at the time, the decision was not difficult . . . especially for someone with a love of airplanes.

"That was an interesting stint," he said. "We got B-17s in there. We didn't have a plane with a chin turret on it. One day they come in and belly-landed a B-17 and we wound up with that one to teach the chin turret on, because it didn't wipe it clear out. And then, B-29s were just out when I was there. We got some through there, too, and got to teach armament on them."

Barkwill worked as an instructor from December of 1944 to July of 1945, when he was sent to a replacement depot in the Philippines.

Upon arrival, Barkwill recalled a great deal of uncertainty. The depot was a jumping off point, and all he could do was wait for his orders, which came one day in the form of a simple phrase: "Get your gear together, you're shipping out."

He got on a truck and was transported down the road a few miles. Barkwill unloaded in a new camp with some others before being given his orders.

"There were several of us pulled out of the depot and moved down the road a ways to an outfit called recovered personnel," he said.



"And we were supposed to go in behind the first wave of troops in to Japan and evacuate POWs."

Fortunately, the cover of the first wave of troops was not needed, as the two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, effectively ending the war.

The war was over, but Barkwill's duties on the recovered personnel outfit were still needed, and he was sent to POW camps in Japan to look for soldiers, check out graves for information and report back.

"It was interesting work," he said.

From there, Barkwill was sent to a different unit—this one in Cebu City in the Philippines—for some more interesting work. He was to investigate claims that the Filipinos made in regards to G.I.s' stealing items.

"It was interesting," he said. "They come in to our office. We set up an office down in Cebu City, and they come in and file applications with their claims. We had a bunch of Filipinos working for us, and they'd fill out their forms for them, and then we'd have to go out and investigate. Try to figure out whether they were legitimate or not. That was fun."

Everything from stolen chickens, cows and bicycles was investigated, as best he could, by Barkwill and his men. He was there for only about a month before finally coming home in February of 1946.

For Barkwill, his military experience, while not always pleasant, was beneficial.

"I . . . can't say I enjoyed it, but it was something I'll never forget," he said. "It was . . . an education. Quite an education. To this day, I don't think it hurts anyone to spend some time in the military. I feel it's quite an enlightening education."

That experience is also one that is not easy to share with a stranger. Barkwill said that it's a difficult topic for many veterans to share, with even their own families.

"I've enjoyed talking to a lot of old guys like myself around," he said. "We've talked about things that happened. You get to talking about what happened here and there, and you talk about things you haven't thought about for years and things you never told your kids. My daughter from Colorado, it was just a couple of years ago, found out a little bit about my military history. She was asking me questions and so I sat down and told her a little bit about what had happened. It was interesting overseas to see what the Japanese had done, what they were doing and how they had dug in. They were there forever. They found some of them in recent years still living in the hills still thinking the war is on."

It's also interesting, he said, how your memories work. Barkwill's wife, Mary, joked that he could remember his time in the military with such clarity, yet he doesn't remember what he did yesterday.

"Yeah, some of it comes back, Mary," he laughed. "It's amazing how your memory works."

Many of the memories came to Barkwill without any trouble as he recalled specific incidents. Being caught in a typhoon in Japan, finding a place for a haircut and a shave over there, and most of all arriving back in the United States after serving.

"Anybody that goes into the military, you get what you can out of it," he said. "You go and serve your time and hope that you get home. I tell you, that's a thrill. When you get on a ship and come back under the Golden Gate Bridge and see that bridge up there and see that harbor and that ship pulls up to the dock and you know you're back on terra firma in the United States. That was very, very exciting for me."

For Barkwill, it all started with a young man building models . . . and after the

hobby managed to lead him into the military, it also brought him to the Boone & Scenic Valley Rail Road in 1983, where he joined the Boone Railroad Historical Society and designed and oversaw the construction of the depot for the new railroad. His reason for doing so? Model trains.

It's amazing where a love for a simple hobby can take you, and the stories that follow as a result.

I commend Ken Barkwill for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

#### CONGRATULATING NATIONAL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION, FINALISTS, AND PARTICIPANTS

SPEECH OF

#### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1494.

Our nation's future rests on the shoulders of our youth, and the exceptional dedication and intelligence displayed by all of the students who took part in the 84th Scripps National Spelling Bee earlier this year gives me great confidence that our future will be a bright one.

As the largest and longest-miming educational promotion in the United States, this year's Scripps National Spelling Bee brought together 273 spellers from all over the United States and across the world. The rigorous preparation and diligence required by these students to compete at this international level is truly incredible.

I would specifically like to recognize Shantanu Srivatsa, a student at Cheney Middle School in West Fargo, North Dakota, for tying for second place in this competition. This was Shantanu's third consecutive appearance at the Spelling Bee, and I was impressed to learn that his favorite subject in school is in fact mathematics, and that in addition to his participation in the spelling bee, he also represents his school at regional and state mathematics competitions.

When reviewing the words Shantanu correctly spelled to make it to the highest levels of the competition, I am astounded by his command of the English language. Though I represent a state with a large sugar beet industry, I must admit that I did not know that a cossette was part of the sugar refining process—and I certainly did not know how to spell it. Thanks to Shantanu, I now know that it is cossette, C-O-S-S-E-T-T-E.

Lest this example lead one to suspect that Shantanu's vocabulary was limited to the geographically proximate—his correct spelling of schlieren, that would be S-C-H-L-L-E-R-E-N, clearly demonstrates that the breadth of his knowledge includes subjects, or more precisely substances, that would be exceedingly rare in North Dakota due to the geologic history of the northern Great Plains.

Students like Shantanu and all of the other participants in this competition not only represent the best students in our nation, but also exemplify the ideals of hard work, dedication, and poise that are an inspiration to us all.

Please join me in supporting all of the Scripps National Spelling Bee participants who

have demonstrated the highest levels of academic achievement by supporting this resolution.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAYOR LEN AUGUSTINE TO THE CITY OF VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today and invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing one of my constituents, Vacaville Mayor Len Augustine, who is retiring after a lifetime of public service, having served in the military for 28 years followed by serving the City of Vacaville for 18 years.

United States Air Force Colonel (Ret.) Len Augustine is a Vietnam veteran who served in a number of important command and staff positions during his military career, including assignments in the Pentagon, Australia, Germany, and at Travis Air Force Base in California where he commanded a C-141 flying squadron. He completed his 28-year military career as Commander of the 89th Airlift Wing at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, DC, where his unit was responsible for Air Force One. Len is a veteran pilot, having flown a variety of military aircraft including the Learjet C-21, Gulfstream III, C-141, C-123 and KC-97 and also UH-1 helicopters.

As mayor of Vacaville, Len saw many major projects through to completion. Most notably among these are the development and expansion of the region's biotech industry with Genentech, Alza, and Novartis; the expansion of Genentech, which made its Vacaville plant the world's largest bio-manufacturing facility; the expansion of the Kaiser Medical Center and development of the Kaiser Hospital; and the revitalization of Vacaville's Historic Downtown, including the Creekwalk Plaza, downtown library, and the popular Town Square in the heart of town, a concept Len brought home from a visit to Poland.

During his tenure as mayor, the city moved forward on the redevelopment of the Nut Tree property, creating much needed economic growth for the region. Len also worked on the State Compensation Insurance Fund office project and entitlements for Lagoon Valley, and he was instrumental in securing funding for the Leisure Town Road Overcrossing. His work on the Vacaville Strategic Plan process will continue to direct development and growth for generations.

In addition to Len's work on behalf of the City of Vacaville, his many professional memberships include the League of California Cities (Member and two-term Chair of Employee Relations Policy Committee), North Bay Division of the League of California Cities (past president), Association of Bay Area Governments (Executive Committee), Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (member), Solano Local Agency Formation Commission (member), Solano Economic Development Corporation (member), Solano County Mayor's Conference (past chairman), Travis Regional Armed Forces Committee (past Chair), Solano Transportation Authority (past Chair), Solano County Water Agency (past Chair), Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management Board (member),

Vacaville Sunrise Rotary Club (past President), Friends of Vacaville Schools Committee (as past Chair he led the effort to pass a \$100 million bond measure), Airport Land Use Commission/Solano County Aviation Advisory Committee (member), Vacaville-Dixon Greenbelt Authority (member), and the Vacaville-Fairfield-Solano Greenbelt Authority (member).

As Mayor Len Augustine retires, I am delighted to have this opportunity to thank him both for his outstanding service to our country and for his tireless work on behalf of the residents of Vacaville. His dedication to improving our quality of life has made a decided difference for all. I join with my colleagues along with his wife Sue, his children and grandchildren, as well as his extended family and friends, in wishing Len a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.

COMMENDING PRESIDENT NURSULTAN NAZARBAYEV FOR ORGANIZING THE OSCE ASTANA SUMMIT

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend President Nursultan Nazarbayev for organizing the OSCE Astana Summit which will be held December 1–2, 2010.

In 2007, under the Bush administration, my colleagues and I spearheaded an effort in Congress calling upon the U.S. to support Kazakhstan's bid to chair the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Recognizing, as David Wilshire, Head of the delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, noted, that "building a democracy is a long and hard task," we felt that the U.S. could and should offer a gesture of goodwill by assisting Kazakhstan in its bid to chair the OSCE, considering that Kazakhstan voluntarily worked with the U.S. under the auspices of the Nunn-Lugar program to dismantle the world's fourth largest nuclear arsenal and shut down the world's second largest test site.

From 1949 to 1991, the Soviet Union conducted nearly 500 nuclear tests in Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan, and exposed more than 1.5 million Kazakhs to nuclear radiation. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, President Nursultan Nazarbayev was among the first to recognize and neutralize the dangerous threat posed by the nuclear arsenal Kazakhstan inherited and, as a result of his initiative, Kazakhstan in cooperation with the U.S. dismantled a nuclear arsenal which was larger than the combined nuclear arsenals of Great Britain, France and China.

President Nazarbayev's decision to dismantle changed the course of modern history, and I am pleased that the U.S. finally supported Kazakhstan's OSCE bid for 2010. While there will always be critics intent on setting Kazakhstan back in its attempt to move the OSCE forward, all 56 member States unanimously voted in favor of Kazakhstan's chairmanship.

I believe they did so in recognition of the bold steps President Nazarbayev has taken to bring Kazakhstan out from under the yoke of

communism. Of course there is work left to do but, according to polling data from an independent firm hired by the U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan during the Bush administration, 90 percent of the people of Kazakhstan support President Nazarbayev and are pleased with the work he is doing and more than 63 percent of the people of Kazakhstan have a favorable opinion of the United States.

Since 9/11 and regarding U.S. coalition operations in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan has allowed overflight and transshipment to assist U.S. efforts. U.S.-Kazakh accords were signed in 2002 on the emergency use of Kazakhstan's Almaty airport and on other military-to-military relations. The Kazakh legislature approved sending military engineers to Iraq in May 2003 and, in his April 2010 meeting with President Obama, President Nazarbayev agreed to facilitate U.S. military air flights along a new trans-polar route that transits Kazakhstan to Afghanistan.

Now Kazakhstan is the first post-Soviet, first predominantly Muslim, and the first Central Asian nation to serve in the top leadership role of the OSCE, an organization known for promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law. As Chair of the OSCE, Kazakhstan will also host the Astana Summit. The Astana Summit, like Kazakhstan's Chairmanship of the OSCE, is historic. Earlier this year, my colleagues and I also spearheaded an effort calling upon the U.S. to stand with Kazakhstan in support of an OSCE Summit, and I express my thanks to the Obama administration, and especially to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert O. Blake, who are expected to represent the U.S. at the Summit.

The Astana Summit has been organized at the initiative of President Nazarbayev and will be the first OSCE meeting of Heads of State to take place in more than a decade. It has been 11 years since the OSCE held a security summit and the world has changed drastically since then as a direct result of 9/11. While I have serious reservations about U.S. involvement in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan aims to use the OSCE Chair and Summit to press for a resolution to the conflict in Afghanistan and for this reason I am pleased that the United States is supporting the Astana Summit.

Given the serious importance of the Summit to U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, it is my hope that President Obama will attend. His presence will send the right signal to our allies in Central Asia who are also putting their lives on the line for us.

Central Asian countries, and especially Kazakhstan, provide support for U.S. and NATO operations in Afghanistan and without their assistance we would have no hope for success. But I hope that our partnership will extend past the war in Afghanistan in both breadth and depth. For over 100 years, the people of Central Asia have lived without basic freedoms and, in my meetings with the people and leaders of these countries, they, like us, want to continue their march towards democracy and this is why I commend President Nazarbayev for providing the stability necessary to push freedom forward.

Once more, I commend Kazakhstan for hosting the Astana Summit and I applaud the 56 nations that will participate to demonstrate to the world that the OSCE is relevant, essential and committed to responding to common security threats.

TRIBUTE TO KEE HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the excellence in education in the Fourth Congressional District of Iowa, and to specifically congratulate Kee High School in Lansing, Iowa, for making the list of the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Kee High School scored in the top ten percent in Iowa with at least 40 percent of their students from disadvantaged backgrounds improving their performance on state assessments or nationally-normed tests.

I consider it a great honor to represent Kee High School Principal Patrick Heiderscheit, the teachers, students, school board members and administrators of Eastern Allamakee Community Schools in the United States Congress. I wish Kee High School continued academic excellence as they provide a positive impact on future generations to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, I had the honor to speak at a briefing on Alzheimer's disease and the important work of the National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health, in providing leadership on research and treatments for patients with Alzheimer's. In addition to the NIA, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Alliance for Aging Research, Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease, USAgainst Alzheimer's, and the National Collaborative on Aging participated in the briefing.

November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, and the briefing today provided an important contribution to increasing awareness in Congress. I fondly recall that President Ronald Reagan designated the first National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness week in 1982, 12 years before he announced that he had been diagnosed with the disease.

Alzheimer's disease is now the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Estimates vary, but it is believed that over 5 million individuals have Alzheimer's and some one new develops the disease every 70 seconds. One in eight persons over 65 and nearly half of those over 85 has Alzheimer's. In my own state of New Jersey, 150,000 residents are suffering from Alzheimer's.

With the aging of the 78 million American baby-boomers, by 2050, 16 million will have the disease if advances are not made to prevent it.

In 2009, 11 million family caregivers provided the equivalent of \$144 billion in care. And Alzheimer's costs to Medicare and Medicaid last year were \$123 billion.

When I was first elected to Congress in 1980, diagnosis of Alzheimer's was about three million cases, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) invested only \$13 million in Alzheimer's research. This year, NIH will invest \$469 million in baseline funding for Alzheimer's research. While we have made progress in federal support, we know that much more needs to be done to conquer this terrible disease.

In 1999, I joined Congressman MARKEY in founding the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's to help increase congressional awareness and legislative efforts relative to Alzheimer's. The Task Force which now includes 158 Members of the House of Representatives, hosts briefings and forums for Members of Congress and their staffs and works closely with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the Alzheimer's Association, which has a New Jersey affiliate.

We are working here in the House and with our colleagues in the Senate to pass this year The National Alzheimer's Project Act (or NAPA), legislation designed to better coordinate research and clinical programs dealing with Alzheimer's disease all across the federal bureaucratic spectrum. NAPA currently has 109 cosponsors.

As I mentioned earlier, by 2050, nearly 16 million Americans will have Alzheimer's, yet there is no national plan to deal with this looming crisis. The National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), which has been modified since its introduction in February of this year, establishes in the Office of the Secretary of HHS a National Alzheimer's Project. It also will establish an inter-agency advisory council to advise the Secretary of HHS and address the government's efforts on Alzheimer's research, care, institutional services, and home- and community-based programs.

The Alzheimer's Project will create and maintain an integrated national plan to overcome Alzheimer's; accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer's; help to coordinate the health care and treatment of citizens with Alzheimer's; ensure that ethnic and racial populations—who are at higher risk for Alzheimer's and least likely to receive care—are included in clinical, research, and service efforts; coordinate with international bodies to integrate and inform the fight against Alzheimer's globally; and provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's research and services across all Federal agencies.

I would like to commend the Alzheimer's Foundation and the Alzheimer's Association for their work and support to advance this legislation. As you know, such strong advocacy often makes the difference in pushing legislation over the finish line. While I am extremely disappointed that the Senate HELP Committee cancelled their mark-up yesterday that was to include NAPA, we will work with them to try to ensure that it is marked-up and passed this year.

In addition to introducing and fighting to pass NAPA, Rep. MARKEY and I have introduced two other major bills focusing on Alzheimer's:

On July 29, 2010, we introduced the HOPE for Alzheimer's: Health Outcomes, Planning and Education Act (H.R. 5926). The bill would provide for Medicare coverage of comprehensive Alzheimer's disease and other dementia diagnoses and services in order to improve

care and outcomes for Americans living with the disease. The HOPE Act aims to increase detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and provide access, information and support for newly diagnosed patients and their families.

The Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act (H.R. 3286 which was introduced in July 2009 and has 136 cosponsors, authorizes the necessary resources to restore momentum in the pursuit of better diagnosis, prevention and treatment. Advances and progress in the various areas of Alzheimer research have the potential to save millions of lives and save hundreds of billions of dollars.

Also, earlier this year we sent a letter, along with House and Senate colleagues, to Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Secretary Sebelius to have Alzheimer's and other dementias included in the Healthy People 2020 initiative. The Healthy People initiative provides 10-year national objectives for promoting health and preventing disease.

I am gratified to work alongside Congressman MARKEY and the other members of the bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease to address this oncoming public health tsunami—and hopefully to see prevention and a cure before it totally overwhelms our nation's health care resources.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES F. "DUSTY" RHODES

#### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a South Carolinian, who has dedicated his life to motivating young men through baseball. Charles F. "Dusty" Rhodes is the founder of the South Carolina Storm travel baseball team in Charleston, and he has changed the lives of numerous young men through the program.

In 2002, Dusty Rhodes saw a need to help boys in the Charleston area pursue a college education through baseball. He began the Charleston Storm travel baseball program with the founding principles of "attitude, academics, and baseball." Attitude was stressed by teaching players how to play baseball with respect for themselves, coaches, fellow and opposing players, umpires, and the game itself. Academics were stressed because many more scholarships are available to those who excel in academics than those who excel in baseball. The players had their grades checked, and the message was instilled that baseball would only last a few years, but a quality education would serve a young person for the rest of his life. The fundamentals of baseball were taught by coaches who had the ability to teach young men the correct way to play the game, in addition to upholding the attitude and academic goals.

Playing on a travel baseball team did have its financial cost. However, the boys were never denied the opportunity to play due to family financial hardship. Often Dusty and his wife, Kelly, supported the players out of their own pockets.

In the eight years since its inception, the team has evolved into the South Carolina Storm. Several hundred young men have

been part of the program, and more than 65 of them have been afforded an opportunity to attend college and play baseball. One former player, Drew Miller provided the following testimony regarding his mentor, "coach, leader, genuine, role model, giving, caring, friend and now cancer are all words that come to mind when the name Dusty Rhodes is brought up."

Madam Speaker, I ask you and our colleagues to join me in honoring the tremendous contributions of this remarkable community leader. Dusty Rhodes' commitment to helping young men through baseball grows from his Christian faith, his love of young people, and his love of the game of baseball. Now he faces personal health challenges, but his remarkable legacy is etched in his devotion to making the lives of young people better.

#### INTRODUCING THE TARGETED TAX LIEN ACT OF 2010

#### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Targeted Tax Lien Act of 2010. While a notice of a federal tax lien can be an effective tax collection tool, the automatic filing process currently utilized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) too often allows for erroneous and unnecessary filings. A public filing of a notice of federal tax lien often does little to increase the likelihood of collecting the tax liability, yet can impact a taxpayer's credit and ability to obtain financing, find or retain a job, secure affordable housing or insurance and ultimately, the taxpayer's ability to pay the balance. This legislation will provide the IRS with the means to ensure that a notice of a federal tax lien is filed only when it would be in the best interest of both the IRS and taxpayer.

The Targeted Tax Lien Act of 2010 ends the IRS's current one-size-fits-all lien filing policies that, in the IRS Taxpayer Advocate's own words, "circumvent the spirit of the law, fail to promote future tax compliance, and unnecessarily harm taxpayers." The bill requires an IRS supervisor to review and make an affirmative, specific finding on a case-by-case basis that a lien is warranted and not disproportionately harmful to the taxpayer. The bill provides a list of factors to consider, such as the amount due, the value of the property, a taxpayer's compliance history, and extenuating circumstances.

Furthermore, the IRS's ability to collect tax liabilities will not diminish under these new policies. A recent IRS National Taxpayer Advocate study suggests that in most instances where the source of payment of a tax debt to the IRS is specified, more than 95 percent of all payments and more than 80 percent of all revenue collected did not result from a notice of lien filing and would have been collected even without the filing. Additionally, a separate analysis performed by the Advocate shows that only about five percent of all payment transactions and approximately twenty percent of the total dollars collected from these taxpayers are attributable to federal tax liens. These results suggest that the IRS's current use of liens may not be furthering revenue collection despite the impact liens have on taxpayers and their credit.

Madam Speaker, the current automatic filing process can often result in the filing of a notice of federal tax lien when another collection technique would have been more appropriate and effective. It should come as no surprise that the taxpayers most often impacted by an erroneous notice of a lien filing are small businesses and middle class families. By making sure the IRS uses the tax collection method and strategy best suited to each particular taxpayer, the Targeted Tax Lien Act of 2010, not only helps buttress these bedrocks of our economy, but allows the IRS to avoid unnecessary expenses, ensuring it also can use its resources more efficiently.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation and reaffirm the commitment of Congress to small businesses and the middle class.

#### TRIBUTE TO LEO THOMSEN

##### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leo Thomsen of Jefferson, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday on October 4, 2010.

Leo was born on October 4, 1910, in Greene County, Iowa. He grew up in Paton, Iowa where he later became a farmer and worked at a grain elevator. In 1940, Leo married Bernice Anderson and they were together until her death in 1988. They have two daughters, Mary and Judy; and have five grandchildren, Cesar, Tony, Marisa, Matt and Brad. Leo is currently residing at the Regency Park Nursing and Rehab Center in Jefferson, Iowa.

There have been many changes that have occurred during the past one hundred years. Since Leo's birth we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television and the Internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and the birth of new democracies. Leo has lived through 18 United States presidents and 22 governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in sending warm wishes to Leo on the milestone of his 100th birthday. I am extremely honored to represent him in Congress, and I wish him happiness and health for many more years to come.

#### IN HONOR OF THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF RECOVERY RESOURCES

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the founders, staff, volunteers and clients of Recovery Resources of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate their fifty-fifth anniversary at the 20th Annual Bronze Key Gala. Thousands of individuals and their families, seeking to break free from the chains of drug and alcohol addiction have been helped by Recovery Resources.

Recovery Resources was founded 55 years ago by two caring and dedicated individuals, Martha Baker and her husband, Dick Baker. Recovery Resources helps people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions in Northeast Ohio. The dedicated, compassionate, and professional staff at Recovery Resources delivers outpatient mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in nine locations and touches 13,000 clients annually in Cuyahoga County.

Treatment programs at Recovery Resources are based on several phases of assessment, treatment and aftercare. The programs employ evidence-based best practices, mental health and psychiatric services, individual and group counseling, intensive services for those with dual diagnoses, homeless services and case management. In addition to intensive individual therapy and education programs, Recovery Resources provides special services to HIV/AIDS, Older Adults, Homeless, Women and Families.

Madam Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of the founding members, staff and volunteers of the Recovery Resources of Cleveland, Ohio. Their unwavering dedication to lifting the lives of thousands of individuals and families onto a platform of safety, strength, and recovery steady the foundation of hope and peace throughout the entire community.

#### RECOGNITION OF DR. ANDREW GERHART

##### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Andrew Gerhart, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan.

Dr. Gerhart has been named the 2010 Michigan Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. More than 300 top professors in the United States were considered in this annual competition, which is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Dr. Gerhart received his Master's degree from the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. After numerous highly successful career endeavors, he began teaching at Lawrence Tech University in 2002 and has become a remarkably active teacher and researcher. He is the director of the Thermal Science Laboratory and Aerodynamics Laboratory, Coordinator of the Certificate of Energy and Environmental Management Program and Aeronautical Engineering Minor/Certificate, and Chair of the Leadership Curriculum Implementation Committee.

During his tenure at Lawrence Technological University, Dr. Gerhart has received numerous awards and been nationally recognized for papers and presentations about improving the educational process. In 2005, he was awarded the Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year by the Engineering Society of De-

troit. Also that year, his paper, "K-12 Summer Engineering Outreach Programs—Curriculum Comparisons Between Ages, Minorities, and Genders" was awarded Best Paper—PIC V at the 2005 ASEE Annual Conference. Additionally, he is the recipient of a 2004–2005 and 2005–2006 Kern Faculty Incentive Grants for research with Turbine Technologies, Ltd, and recipient of portions of the 2006 KEEN grant and 2007 Chrysler Foundation grant.

I have seen first-hand the outstanding work that Lawrence Tech University is doing. In particular, the University's Center for Innovative Materials Research is doing state-of-the-art work in the area of advanced composite materials. It is important to develop these cutting-edge technologies here in Michigan because of our strong roots in research and development.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Dr. Andrew Gerhart and to congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved award. I am confident Dr. Gerhart will continue in his success, as he educates students to be the next leaders in the field of engineering.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLES L. "CHUCK" ROGERS

##### HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mrs. BONO MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Charles L. "Chuck" Rogers, a distinguished and honorable man who made many selfless contributions to our nation with his service to country in the United States Army and throughout his remarkable life. Mr. Rogers was the patriarch of a wonderful family and someone I was honored to know and call friend. Sadly, Mr. Rogers passed away on October 29, 2010, at the age of 79 surrounded by his beloved family in Pasadena, California. I ask all of my colleagues to join with me today in saluting this outstanding American.

Mr. Rogers was born in San Diego in October of 1931. He graduated from San Diego High School in 1949, and went on to attend UC Berkeley before transferring to Stanford University where he received his A.B. Degree in 1953. Mr. Rogers went on to serve in the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) of the United States Army for two years, and then went on to attend Stanford Law School earning his Juris Doctorate in 1957.

While serving in the CIC, Mr. Rogers was stationed on the East Coast where he met his beloved wife, Marion Booth, a secondary schoolteacher. In 1955, Charles and Marion married in Hamden, Connecticut where they began their lifelong partnership, and raising their six children.

Mr. Rogers will always be remembered for his love of family, his endless generosity, his ever-present sharp wit and sarcastic humor, and his strength of character and personal integrity. A man of devotion, Mr. Rogers consistently supported the Catholic Church and was appointed a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Known for his mastery of impeccable writing, Mr. Rogers became a partner, and practiced with the law firm of Lawler, Felix and Hall

in Los Angeles for most of his career. His most prominent matters related to the telecommunications industry. Mr. Rogers served on or chaired various Bar committees and also valued the camaraderie of his fellow members of the Bar as a member of The Chancery Club of Los Angeles.

The youngest of three brothers, Charles adored his brothers: Joseph W., the late Michael C. and John F. "Jack". They stayed close throughout their lives and enjoyed their time together.

Charles is survived by Marion, his wife of nearly 55 years; their six children, Pamela Burton (John), David (Vicky), Albie, Marion Riley Campbell (Robin), Charles (Anne), and Sarah Krappman (Matthew); their 15 grandchildren (Timothy, Nancy, Lisa, Sarah, Renee and Michelle Burton; Ryan and Spencer Rogers; Liam Riley, Marion Riley Campbell and Eileen Riley Campbell; Brian and Thomas Rogers; and Charles and Kevin Krappman); two brothers, Joe and Jack, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rogers will be remembered by his dear family and friends as a dedicated family man who rendered tireless service to those who had the opportunity to associate with him.

Madam Speaker, I once again pay tribute to this great American and family man. His life was a testament to patriotism and the importance of family, and I am honored to speak on his behalf today. I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating the life of Mr. Charles Lightwood Rogers.

#### STEM CELL THERAPY FOR LEX, THE MILITARY WORKING DOG

#### HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. JONES. Madam Speaker, this week, the German Shepherd Lex, whose master Corporal Dustin Lee was killed in Iraq in 2007, is returning to Washington.

The RPG that killed his master also injured Lex by sending shrapnel into his back. Lex's pain has been very severe over the past three years and also has a hard time walking.

Lex was able to be retired and in December of 2007 he was officially adopted by Jerome and Rachel Lee, the parents of Cpl Dustin Lee.

I would like to thank Gen. Mike Regner for helping get Lex retired and adopted by the Lees, as their son would have wanted his partner to be home with this family.

This week Lex is traveling to DC for a visit to the Georgetown Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Lee Morgan is performing stem cell therapy on Lex to help relieve his pain and extend his life. The idea is to not only treat the pain, but to repair the damage done by the shrapnel altogether.

This is a very important procedure for both Lex and the Lee family, as they have all been through so much together already.

Many individuals and organizations have made it possible for Lex to receive this therapy by donating time and money to the cause.

I would like to thank the Humane Society, the American Kennel Club, the German Shepherd Dog Club of Northern Virginia, Shoreline German Shepherd Dog Club, and the U.S. War Dogs Association.

I would like to give a special thanks to Connie Whitfield and her husband Congressman ED WHITFIELD, for all they have devoted to Lex and the Lee family. Thanks to John Burnam for all of his work and for bringing Lex's story to my attention three years ago.

A big thank you goes to Dr. Lee Morgan of Georgetown Veterinary Hospital for performing the procedure.

Contributions came from all over the country and I appreciate everyone who donated. A dog handler currently stationed in Afghanistan sent a donation, which speaks to the importance of these dogs and the appreciation our service members have for them.

With that Madam Speaker, I close by asking God to please bless our men and women in uniform, their families, and I ask God to please bless America.

#### STATEMENT ON TERRORIST AT- TACK AGAINST OUR LADY OF SALVATION CHURCH, BAGHDAD

#### HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Obama Administration in condemning the recent terrorist attack against Our Lady of Salvation Church in Baghdad, which left more than 60 dead and another 75 wounded. In the most hideous of ways, we have been reminded of the enemy's desire to seek the death and destruction of anyone who opposes its attempt to impose a pernicious worldview.

This attack occurred during Sunday Mass, just as the congregation rose to recite, "Upon this rock, I will build my church." As a Catholic, as someone raised to cherish life and defend its sanctity, it is difficult to contemplate the twisting of the human soul required to shatter that peace and commit such a senseless act. It's even more difficult to summon the restraint required to ease the trembling such hatred provokes.

The enemy keeps innocents of all faiths in its sights. In August, men and women affiliated with a Christian non-government organization working to provide eye care to people in remote and destitute areas of Afghanistan were executed in cold blood by the Taliban. In the last two weeks, a devastating and deadly bombing attack occurred during a worship service at a mosque in Pakistan. In the case of the recent cargo plane bombing attempt, the President indicated the bombing packages were addressed to Jewish synagogues in Chicago. These attacks are designed to bring division where there is diversity, and chaos where there is stability.

As time passes, as national debates and attention shifts, it is easy for the real horror and tragedy of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 to become faded and blurred memories. But the hateful ideology that drives these attacks, the global movement to reject Western culture and values and religion is still plotting, planning, and attacking where it can. We were wrong to ignore the warning signs in the 1990s, when we witnessed a steady escalation of attacks, which we treated as isolated incidents. As Americans, as keepers of the truth that "He who gave us life, gave us lib-

erty," we must spare no effort to protect people of all faiths who oppose radical Islamic extremists. Our vigilance in this regard must be perpetual and total.

As Christians, we are taught that suffering and disappointment can enlarge our hearts and make us more grateful for the blessings in our lives. In this season of thanksgiving, let us renew our gratitude for the brave men and women overseas standing guard in defense of our freedom and taking the fight to the enemy.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMANDA TERHARK

#### HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amanda Terhark of Iowa Falls, Iowa, as the recipient of the Art Educators of Iowa (AEI), 2010 Outstanding Middle School Art Educator award for her dedication to her students and art. She accepted the award on October 2, 2010, at the AEI conference in Sioux City, Iowa.

Amanda splits her time as an art teacher at Riverbend Middle School and Rock Run Elementary School and has been teaching art for seven years. This is her first teaching position and the first time she is getting recognized for her work.

When Amanda found out she was nominated for the award last summer, she asked Riverbend Middle School's principal Jeff Burchfield to write a letter of recommendation. In his letter, Mr. Burchfield praised her work both in the classroom and the community. He wrote: "She has high expectations for student performance and behavior, yet her teaching style is one of mutual respect and admiration . . . [Amanda] genuinely cares for the students in her classroom, and this is evident in the way that she interacts with them and builds connections with them."

Amanda has always put her students first. She was instrumental in starting an art club at Riverbend Middle School five years ago and in 2008, for her final project for her master's degree, Amanda involved her students by including some of their artwork in her exhibit.

Amanda Terhark is an incredible teacher, and her dedication to her profession and to her students should make every Iowan proud. It's an honor to represent her and the people of the Iowa Falls Community School District in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Amanda on this well-deserved award and thanking her for her dedicated service to her community and America's youth.

#### HONORING CARL DAY

#### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District to honor the life and memory of Carl Day.

As a 50-year veteran broadcaster, Carl Day was known as the Voice of Dayton. According

to the Dayton Area Broadcaster's Hall of Fame, Carl won more awards than any other Ohio broadcaster.

As a news anchor he worked for each of the Dayton TV stations and WHIO Radio, winning seven Emmys during his career. In 1998, The Associated Press renamed its Outstanding Achievement Award "The Carl Day Award for Outstanding Achievement." In 2009, Carl was inducted into the Dayton Walk of Fame as recognition of his dedication to his job and his community. In addition, he was a member of six broadcasting halls of fame.

He was committed to his profession, but what he most will be remembered for is his dedication to this community, his family and friends. He was known to volunteer his time raising funds for a variety of local entities. As the son of a military family, he was devoted to our area veterans and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base community.

One of Carl's aspirations was to create a foundation to support young broadcasters. With the establishment of A Brighter Day: The Carl Day Memorial Foundation, his family has made his plan a reality.

After a hard fought battle with cancer, Carl Day, 72, passed away on November 17, 2010 surrounded by his son and daughter. Carl's life will continue to be an inspiration to all those who loved him and to the community he served so well.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EASTERN CONNECTICUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce. I want to recognize their impressive 100th anniversary and celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

For the past century, the Chamber of Commerce has worked hard to cultivate the economy of eastern Connecticut. Through their efforts, community and business leaders have come together to strengthen eastern Connecticut's local economy.

It is a privilege to congratulate the Chamber on reaching this historic achievement. Their impact has been felt throughout eastern Connecticut and countless of small businesses have thrived because of the vision and the leadership the Chamber has provided.

Through innovative thinking, the Chamber's 1600 members have fostered a business climate that meets the current and future needs of eastern Connecticut. As the Chamber's members continue to work to grow our economy, it is important to remember that they have served as the voice of Connecticut businesses for 100 years.

During these challenging times, it is easy to lose hope. We need to replace lost jobs and we need to reinvigorate Connecticut's economy. If any of us are ever tempted to lose faith in our ability to persevere, we need only look to the shining example the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce has provided. The Chamber has provided unwavering leadership in its determination and advocacy for

Connecticut businesses. They have led the way toward economic growth for the past hundred years, and I know they will continue to do so for the coming century.

The Chamber's ingenuity and innovation has served as the backbone of our region, and I ask all of my colleagues to join with me, and the people of Connecticut, in recognizing the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on November 17, 2010, I inadvertently voted "yes" on rollcall No. 573 and I intended to vote "no."

HONORING BETTY KNIGHT SCRIPPS

**HON. JOHN B. SHADEGG**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SHADEGG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize Betty Knight Scripps, newspaper heiress, for her extraordinary and generous charitable spirit, and her countless contributions to society. She is viewed by many as America's first lady of philanthropy.

Mrs. Scripps and her late husband, Edward W. Scripps, advanced the interests of freedom and a free press through their work as publishers of a chain of newspapers throughout the United States, and through their active involvement in the Inter-American Press Association, which advanced the causes of independent journalism and a free press throughout Latin America.

In 1984, Mrs. Scripps established the Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Foundation to serve mankind by supporting the advancement of health care, education, journalism, the First Amendment, and the arts and culture.

For eight years, Mrs. Scripps served as General Chairman of the Washington National Opera Ball raising record-breaking proceeds for the 50-year-old organization, bringing together leaders of the diplomatic, government, corporate and arts communities in our Nation's Capital. Mrs. Scripps has also chaired the International Red Cross Ball in Palm Beach, Florida, and the English National Ballet Gala in London, England.

Mrs. Scripps is undoubtedly one of Scripps Health's and Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla's most esteemed benefactors, as evidenced by her leadership, commitment and generosity. Mrs. Scripps has chaired the prestigious Candlelight Ball, which has raised close to \$20 million in philanthropic support for exceptional, life-saving care at the nonprofit hospital. Mrs. Scripps continues the legacy of the Scripps family member who founded the hospital in 1924.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing Betty Knight Scripps, an extraordinary American and humanitarian.

TRIBUTE TO MAGGIE PARKS

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maggie Parks of Marshalltown, Iowa, as the recipient of the Art Educators of Iowa, AEI, 2010 Art Teacher of the Year award for her dedication to her students and art. She accepted the award on October 2, 2010 at the AEI conference in Sioux City, Iowa.

Maggie, who has been with the Marshalltown Community School District for 13 years, is currently an art teacher at Fisher Elementary School and at Woodbury Elementary School. The AEI Art Teacher of the Year award is the highest honor that can be given by the organization.

One of Maggie's goals is to help improve art education throughout the state by serving on boards and assisting other teachers. She is responsible for starting a new mentoring program for first year art teachers in the state. Maggie would keep a list of things that would work and share it with other teachers in the state.

In the past, Maggie was the president on the AEI board and served in several capacities with organization. She is highly respected in the school district as well as in the state of Iowa and is perceived by her peers as a leader at the school, district, and state level.

Maggie Parks is an incredible teacher, and her dedication to her profession and to her students should make every Iowan proud. It's an honor to represent her and the people of the Marshalltown Community School District in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Maggie on this well-deserved award and thanking her for her dedicated service to her community and America's youth.

HONORING TIMOTHY JAMES PARNACOTT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timothy James Parnacott. Timothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Timothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timothy James Parnacott for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.



REVISED SECTION-BY-SECTION  
ANALYSIS FOR H.R. 6198 BANK-  
RUPTCY TECHNICAL CORREC-  
TIONS ACT OF 2010

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, a version of this section-by-section analysis was included in the RECORD during the debate on this bill. The version below incorporates a few modest but important clarifications. I would ask that in the permanent RECORD, the version below replace the version now found in the September 28, 2010 daily edition of the RECORD, beginning on page H7159.

H.R. 6198, THE BANKRUPTCY TECHNICAL  
CORRECTIONS ACT OF 2010 SECTION-BY-  
SECTION EXPLANATION

*Sec. 1. Short Title.* Section 1 sets forth the short title of the bill as the "Bankruptcy Technical Corrections Act of 2010."

*Sec. 2. Technical Corrections Relating to Amendments Made by Public Law 109-8.* Section 2 makes a series of technical corrections to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-8 (2005 Act).

Subsection (a)(1)(A) amends section 101(13A) of title 11 of the United States Code (Bankruptcy Code), which defines "debtor's principal residence." The amendment clarifies that the definition pertains to a structure used by the debtor as a principal residence.

Subsection (a)(1)(B) amends Bankruptcy Code section 101(35), which defines "insured depository institution." The amendment corrects erroneous statutory references in this provision.

Subsection (a)(1)(C) amends Bankruptcy Code section 101(40B), which defines "patient records." The amendment clarifies that the term means a record relating to a patient, including a written document or an electronic record.

Subsection (a)(1)(D) amends Bankruptcy Code section 101(42), which defines "petition." The amendment deletes the reference to section 304 of the Bankruptcy Code, which was eliminated as a result of the 2005 Act, and adds a reference to section 1504, which was added by the 2005 Act.

Subsection (a)(1)(E) amends Bankruptcy Code section 101(51B), which defines "single asset real estate." The amendment corrects a drafting error by reinserting a missing word.

Subsection (a)(1)(F), amends Bankruptcy Code section 101(51D), which defines "small business debtor." The amendment clarifies that the debt limit specified therein is determined as of the date of the filing of the petition.

Subsection (a)(1)(G) redesignates paragraphs (56A) and (53D) of Bankruptcy Code section 101 as (53D) and (53E), respectively.

Subsection (a)(2) amends Bankruptcy Code section 103(a), which pertains to the applicability of chapters of the Code. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in this provision.

Subsection (a)(3) amends Bankruptcy Code section 105(d)(2), which pertains to status conferences. The amendment makes a grammatical correction.

Subsection (a)(4) amends Bankruptcy Code section 106(a)(1), which pertains to the waiver of sovereign immunity. The amendment deletes a reference to Bankruptcy Code section 728, which was eliminated by the 2005 Act.

Subsection (a)(5) amends Bankruptcy Code section 107(a), which pertains to public access to bankruptcy cases. The amendment corrects a drafting instruction error.

Subsection (a)(6) makes several amendments to Bankruptcy Code section 109, which sets forth the eligibility criteria for a debtor. Subsection (a)(6)(A) amends Bankruptcy Code section 109(b)(3)(B) to add a missing parenthesis. Subsection (a)(6)(B) makes a conforming amendment to Bankruptcy Code section 109(h)(1) to clarify that Bankruptcy Code section 109(h)(4) is an exception. In addition, subsection (a)(6)(B) clarifies that the 180-day period ends on the date of the filing of the petition.

Subsection (a)(7) amends Bankruptcy Code section 110, which pertains to bankruptcy petition preparers. It makes conforming amendments to Bankruptcy Code section 110(b)(2)(A) and (h)(1) so that they conform to other provisions in section 110 with respect to fees received by a petition preparer on behalf of a debtor. In addition, subsection (a)(7) restructures section 110(h)(3) to clarify the court's authority to disallow fees under this provision.

Subsection (a)(8) amends Bankruptcy Code section 111, which concerns nonprofit budget and credit counseling agencies and financial management instructional courses. The amendment corrects two typographical errors in Bankruptcy Code section 111(d)(1)(E). The first error concerns incorrect punctuation and the second error pertains to incorrect indentation of the subparagraph.

Subsection (a)(9) amends Bankruptcy Code section 303, which pertains to involuntary bankruptcy cases. The amendment corrects the misdesignation of subsection (1) by redesignating it as subsection (k).

Subsection (a)(10) amends Bankruptcy Code section 308, which concerns reporting requirements for small business debtors. The amendment restructures subsection 308(b)(4) to clarify its intent.

Subsection (a)(11) makes two amendments to Bankruptcy Code section 348, which pertains to the effect of conversion of a case. First, it amends Bankruptcy Code section 348(b) to strike references to Bankruptcy Code sections 728(a), 728(b), 1146(a) and 1146(b) as these provisions were eliminated by the 2005 Act. Second, it amends Bankruptcy Code section 348(f)(1)(C)(i) to clarify that the provision applies with respect to the date of the filing of the petition.

Subsection (a)(12) amends Bankruptcy Code section 362, which pertains to the automatic stay, in several respects. First, the amendment makes a stylistic correction to subsection 362(a)(8) with respect to its reference to a debtor that is a corporation. Second, it adds a missing article in subsection 362(c)(3). Third, the amendment conforms the reference in subsection 362(c)(4)(A)(i) to "refiled" with subsection 362(c)(3) so that it applies to a case filed under a chapter other than chapter 7 after dismissal of a prior case pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 707(b). Fourth, it corrects an erroneous conjunctive in subsection 362(d)(4). Fifth, it corrects a spelling error in subsection 362(1).

Subsection (a)(13) amends Bankruptcy Code section 363, which concerns the use, sale, or lease of property. The amendment restructures subsection 363(d) to clarify its intent.

Subsection (a)(14) amends Bankruptcy Code section 505, which pertains to the determination of tax liability. The amendment corrects the provision's use of terminology.

Subsection (a)(15) amends Bankruptcy Code section 507, which pertains to priorities. The amendment corrects a punctuation error.

Subsection (a)(16) amends Bankruptcy Code section 521, which pertains to the du-

ties of the debtor. The amendment makes several revisions. First, it deletes redundant text in subsection 521(a)(2)(A) and (B). Second, it restructures section 521(a)(2) to clarify its meaning. Third, the amendment corrects grammatical errors in paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection 521(a).

Subsection (a)(17) amends Bankruptcy Code section 522, which concerns exemptions. The amendment corrects two grammatical errors in subsection 522(b)(3)(A). In addition, it makes a conforming revision to subsection 522(c)(1).

Subsection (a)(18) amends Bankruptcy Code section 523, which pertains to the dischargeability of debts. The amendment corrects a punctuation error in subsection 523(a)(2)(C)(ii)(II) and corrects an erroneous statutory cross reference in subsection 523(a)(3).

Subsection (a)(19) amends Bankruptcy Code section 524, which concerns reaffirmation agreements, among other matters. The amendment makes several revisions. First, it corrects erroneous terminology in subsection 524(k)(3)(J)(i) and inserts a missing verb. Second, it corrects a punctuation error in subsection 524(k)(5)(B).

Subsection (a)(20) amends Bankruptcy Code section 526, which deals with restrictions on debt relief agencies. The amendment makes a conforming revision to subsection 526(a)(2). It also adds a missing article to subsection 526(a)(4).

Subsection (a)(21) amends Bankruptcy Code section 527, which concerns disclosures by debt relief agencies. The amendment makes a grammatical correction.

Subsection (a)(22) amends Bankruptcy Code section 541, which deals with property of the estate. The amendment corrects a statutory reference to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in section 541(b)(6)(B).

Subsection (a)(23) amends Bankruptcy Code section 554, which concerns abandonment. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in subsection 554(c).

Subsection (a)(24) amends Bankruptcy Code section 704, which pertains to duties of the trustee. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in subsection 704(a)(3).

Subsection (a)(25) amends Bankruptcy Code section 707, which concerns dismissal of a chapter 7 case or conversion to a case under chapter 11 or 13. The amendment makes several revisions. First, it corrects an erroneous statutory cross reference in subsection 707(a)(3). Second, the amendment clarifies that the provision's reference to date means the date of the filing of the petition in subsection 707(b)(2)(A)(iii)(I). Third, the amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in subsection 707(b)(3).

Subsection (a)(26) amends Bankruptcy Code section 723(c), which pertains to the rights of a partnership trustee against general partners. The amendment strikes a reference to Bankruptcy Code section 728, which was eliminated by the 2005 Act.

Subsection (a)(27) amends Bankruptcy Code section 724, which concerns the treatment of liens. The amendment clarifies certain statutory references in section 724(b)(2) and makes other clarifying revisions.

Subsection (a)(28) amends Bankruptcy Code section 726(b), which concerns distribution priorities in a chapter 7 case, to add a statutory reference to section 507(a)(9) and (10).

Subsection (a)(29) amends Bankruptcy Code section 901, which concerns the applicability of the Bankruptcy Code to municipality cases. The amendment adds references to Bankruptcy Code sections 333, dealing with the appointment of a patient care ombudsman, and 351, concerning the disposal of patient records, both of which were added by the 2005 Act.

Subsection (a)(30) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1104, which pertains to the appointment of a trustee and examiner. The amendment restructures subsection 1104(a) to clarify the provision's intent and how it relates to Bankruptcy Code section 1112(b), as amended by the 2005 Act. In addition, it corrects an erroneous statutory reference in subsection 1104(b)(2)(B)(ii).

Subsection (a)(31) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1106, which pertains to the duties of a trustee and examiner. The amendment corrects two erroneous statutory references in section 1106(a).

Subsection (a)(32) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1111, which concerns claims and interests. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in section 1111(a).

Subsection (a)(33) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1112(b), which sets forth the grounds for converting or dismissing a chapter 11 case. The amendment restructures this provision to eliminate an internal redundancy. In addition, it corrects an erroneous statutory reference in section 1112(e).

Subsection (a)(34) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1127, which pertains to modification of a chapter 11 plan. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in section 1127(f)(1).

Subsection (a)(35) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a), which sets forth the criteria for confirmation of a chapter 11 plan. The amendment makes a grammatical correction to section (a)(16).

Subsection (a)(36) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(5), which concerns the effect of confirmation. The amendment clarifies the intent of this provision.

Subsection (a)(37) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1145(b), which pertains to the applicability of securities laws. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in this section.

Subsection (a)(38) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1202, which details the responsibilities of a trustee in a chapter 12 case. The amendment corrects several erroneous statutory references in section 1202(b).

Subsection (a)(39) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1302, which details the responsibilities of a trustee in a chapter 13 case. The amendment corrects several erroneous statutory references in section 1302(b)(1).

Subsection (a)(40) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1304, which concerns a chapter 13 debtor engaged in business. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in section 1304(c).

Subsection (a)(41) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1307, which sets forth the grounds for converting or dismissing a chapter 13 case. The amendment corrects several erroneous statutory references in this section.

Subsection (a)(42) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1308, which concerns the filing of prepetition tax returns. The amendment clarifies several statutory references in section 1308(b)(2).

Subsection (a)(43) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1322(a), which pertains to the contents of a chapter 13 plan. The amendment corrects an internal inconsistency.

Subsection (a)(44) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1325, which pertains to confirmation of a chapter 13 plan. The amendment adds a missing word to subsection 1325(a) and adds a missing parenthesis to subsection 1325(b)(2)(A)(ii).

Subsection (a)(45) amends the heading of Bankruptcy Code section 1511, to include a reference to section 302.

Subsection (a)(46) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1519, which pertains to the relief that may be granted upon the filing of a petition for recognition in a chapter 15 case. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference in section 1519(f).

Subsection (a)(47) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1521(f) which concerns relief that may be granted upon recognition in a chapter 15 case. The amendment corrects an erroneous statutory reference.

Subsection (a)(48) amends Bankruptcy Code section 1529, which concerns the coordination of a case under title 11 and a foreign proceeding. The amendment adds a missing word to section 1529(1).

Subsection (a)(49) amends the table of sections for chapter 3 of the Bankruptcy Code to correct an erroneous description of section 333.

Subsection (a)(50) amends the table of sections for chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code to correct an erroneous description of section 562.

Subsection (b) amends section 157 of title 18 of the United States Code, which concerns bankruptcy fraud. The amendment removes superfluous references in this section.

Subsection (c)(1) amends section 158 of title 28 of the United States Code, which pertains to bankruptcy appeals. The amendment corrects a grammatical error in section 158(d)(2)(D).

Subsection (c)(2) amends section 159 of title 28 of the United States Code, which pertains to the collection of bankruptcy statistics. The amendment adds a missing word to section 159(c)(3)(H).

Subsection (c)(3) amends section 586 of title 28 of the United States Code, which concerns the United States Trustee Program. The amendment corrects a punctuation error in section 586(a)(3)(A)(ii), corrects erroneous terminology in section 586(a)(7)(C), and eliminates redundant language in section 586(a)(8).

*Sec. 3. Technical Correction to Public Law 109-8.* Section 3 amends section 1406(b)(1) of the 2005 Act to correct a spelling error.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAEL F. PARANZINO

##### HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Michael F. Paranzino, from Middletown, Rhode Island, who lost his life on November 5, 2010, of injuries sustained while serving his country in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Paranzino was the loving husband of Lindsey (Christopher) Paranzino and the proud tither of Maxton and Logan of Fort Drum, New York. He was assigned as a cavalry scout to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Born in Newport, Rhode Island on December 4, 1987, Sergeant Paranzino was the son of Francis "Butch" and Melane C. Paranzino and the brother of Daniel F. Paranzino of Middletown, Rhode Island. He was a 2006 graduate of Middletown High School. While he was a student at Middletown High School, he made trips to Nicaragua in January of 2005 and 2006 with the Northeast Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity to provide humanitarian support to the disadvantaged and poor in Catarina and Nandasmio, Nicaragua. These trips provided life-expanding experiences for Sergeant Paranzino and were the precursor to many of the values he believed in along with the leadership skills that he displayed as an Army Sergeant.

A year after his graduation from Middletown High School, Sergeant Paranzino enlisted in

the Army and was a cavalry scout with the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment. After his basic training he was stationed at Fort Drum, New York in 2008 and was deployed to the Middle East as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom just a few months later. In 2010 Sergeant Paranzino was sent to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom. He was recognized with more than 10 decorations for his military service just after three-plus years, including the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

Today, as we celebrate the life and accomplishments of this exceptional Rhode Islander, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Paranzino's family and friends.

We are all deeply indebted to Sergeant Paranzino for his service and his sacrifice.

#### HONORING BENJAMIN JAMES PATRICK HUBER

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin James Patrick Huber. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Benjamin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin James Patrick Huber for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RECOGNIZING DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

##### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring awareness to the disease of diabetes. This month has been set aside to increase awareness of diabetes, its prevention and ways to manage its impact. According to the Centers for Disease Control nearly 24 million Americans have diabetes. It is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States and costs \$174 billion in health care expenses. Diabetes disproportionately impacts the African American and Hispanic communities. It is estimated that nearly 3.7 million African Americans aged 20 years or older have

diabetes. African Americans are 1.8 times more likely to have diabetes as non-Hispanic whites.

If diabetes is left untreated it often results in blindness, kidney disease, amputations, nerve damage, heart disease, stroke and ultimately, death. However, diabetes can be managed and prevented. A balanced diet and regular exercise could keep our citizens healthy. I am pleased to have the headquarters for the American Dietetic Association (ADA) in my Congressional District. The ADA is the foremost authority in providing nutrition counseling throughout the country. In fact, the more than 71,000 registered dietitians and nutrition professionals who are members support the "eat right" campaign targeted toward young people and older Americans. The work that they are doing is making a difference in the fight against childhood obesity and diabetes and is improving the health of our nation.

We must work to get Medical Nutrition Therapy covered by Medicare for beneficiaries diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Nutrition therapy provided by registered dietitians has a proven track record of preventing diabetes through lifestyle changes than simply cannot be made without this assistance for the majority of those who suffer. There are more than 57 million people diagnosed with pre-diabetes—meaning they are on their way to developing full diabetes. By helping people with pre-diabetes, Medicare will avoid having to pay for the much more expensive treatment of diabetes and its debilitating side effects. It seems prudent to assist our citizens with sound nutrition information and to help them make lifestyle changes at a cost minimal to that of amputations and other treatments.

The real world impact of covering Medical Nutrition Therapy is that we will shift from health insurance to "health assurance" in our efforts. Consider that the total cost of diabetes in 2007 was determined to be \$218 billion—yes, billion with a "b".

I want to commend Jewel-Osco stores for providing free nutrition education from registered dietitians to individuals who shop at the stores in Chicago and throughout the nation. These types of programs which pair pharmacists and registered dietitians with consumers will help in our awareness and education campaign.

Finally, I applaud those churches that have a focus on nutrition and exercise as a part of the well-being of their congregation.

#### HONORING BILL TIGHE

#### HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the coaching career of Mr. Bill Tighe. Coach Tighe is the oldest active high school head football coach in the country at age 86. He will conclude his 52nd year as a head coach when his Lexington High School squad meets their rival Burlington High School on Thanksgiving morning.

Coach Tighe was a standout three-sport athlete at Ashland High School, and upon graduation he served in the United States Air Force for three years as a P-38 crew chief during World War II. After completing his serv-

ice to our nation, he attended Boston University where he starred for the Terrier football and baseball teams. Known as a selfless teammate with a tireless work ethic, Bill Tighe, the incredible athlete was destined to be Bill Tighe, the legendary coach.

Madam Speaker, Bill began his remarkable career at Wakefield High School in 1949 as an assistant football coach and was elevated to head coach in 1957. During his 52 years as head football coach at Wakefield High School, Malden High School and Lexington High School, Bill won 9 league championships and amassed an overall record of 268 wins, 232 losses and 13 ties. Bill's commitment to excellence is well known throughout Massachusetts and New England, and he has been inducted into the Wakefield High School, Malden High School, Lexington High School, Boston University, Massachusetts Football Coaches and National Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association Halls of Fame.

Bill Tighe's success on the football field is surpassed only by the enormous impact he has had on his players' lives off the football field. Coach Tighe taught all the young athletes under his tutelage the importance of sacrifice, discipline and commitment. Coach Tighe also stressed the importance of academic achievement and the value of a strong education. He is credited with helping thousands of young scholar athletes continue their education in college.

Madam Speaker, on Thanksgiving morning Bill Tighe will be surrounded by family, friends, professional colleagues and former student athletes in order to celebrate his legendary coaching career. I join them in thanking Coach Tighe for the amazing contributions he has made to the Towns of Wakefield and Lexington, the City of Malden, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America.

#### HONORING THE BEST OF AMERICA

#### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, this Thanksgiving, as we have since the first, Americans will set aside one day to focus on those blessings that have been granted to us.

For the roof over our heads, for the health of our families, for the food on our plates—no matter how simple the meal—for the hand that holds ours as we gather around the table, we will, on this one very American day, bow our heads in prayer and we will be truly thankful.

To me, the best of America is on display at Thanksgiving.

Here we stand, for example: we Americans, facing difficult times, with our economy sluggish, with far too many jobless, and far too many others worrying about the future of their own jobs. Yet, many of us will invite strangers to our tables, or donate food to shelters, or serve up turkey dinners at a local soup kitchen, and we will appreciate even more deeply, the grace of God that has spared us similar trials. Even many of those who are struggling, whose tables may be leaner than usual, will take the time to give of what they have so that others do not go hungry on this day.

Though that generosity, that neighborliness, the kindness, charity, and faithfulness come to

the fore most prevalently on this one day of the year, I know—and all West Virginians know, that these qualities live on throughout the year in communities, large and small, urban and rural, throughout our State.

And, I believe that this Nation would be better off if more Americans followed the example set in our State and devoted a greater share of their year, each year, to practicing the kindness and generosity, as well as exercising the grit and determination that comprise the West Virginia character.

I am reminded of our Senator Byrd, who would have marked his 93rd birthday on November 20th, and his regular admonishment to West Virginians to hold on to those "old values" and to tap them for the betterment of the Nation. He would have taken to the Senate Floor in the days leading up to Thanksgiving to remind us all of our common history as Americans. He would have talked about the principles upon which this Nation was founded and urged us to set aside those petty differences that undermine our quest for the common good.

Oh, how we could use Senator Byrd's wisdom, his reasonableness, and his guidance today.

Our State has had more than its fair share of economic strife. But we hold tight to our faith and we marshal on, working hard side by side, to create a better future for ourselves and our children.

In the wake of natural disasters, West Virginians reach out to their neighbors to give whatever they can afford, and often more. It has never been the West Virginia way to turn our backs on those in need, and it has never been in the character of West Virginians to throw in the towel when things get tough.

So this Thanksgiving, as we pause to reflect on our blessings and to express our thanks to our Creator for all that we have, I hope that all Americans will also commit to exhibiting the spirit that surfaces on this day throughout the year ahead.

There is no challenge confronting us that we cannot overcome if we join forces and put old-fashioned American know-how to work.

#### HONORING FRANK PUGH

#### HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Frank Pugh, the outgoing 2010 President of the California School Boards Association. His civic leadership and commitment to education have benefited students across Sonoma County and California.

Since he began teaching at Santa Rosa Junior College in 1979, Frank Pugh has distinguished himself as a dynamic educator in our community. His passion for electronics and technology has made him not only an effective lecturer, but a respected authority, author of seven textbooks and four magazine articles in his field.

Mr. Pugh has also taken on numerous leadership responsibilities at administrative and advisory levels, contributing a teacher's invaluable perspective to debates on the governance of our schools and the future direction of

public education. He served for two years as the occupational representative to the Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate, then went on to serve as the Senate President for six years. Since 1990, Mr. Pugh has also served on the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education, holding the office of Board President for a total of four terms.

Most recently, Mr. Pugh has served as President of the California School Boards Association, an organization bringing together California's local K-12 school districts and county offices of education. An active member of the CSBA Delegate Assembly since 1993, Mr. Pugh has worked tirelessly to support the organization's commitment to researching and advocating practices that serve the best interests of students.

During his tenure with CSBA, and throughout his career, Mr. Pugh has remained a vocal advocate for our children. He understands that public education represents a promise to future generations—a promise that knowledge and perseverance can overcome adversity, and that our democratic institutions can deliver opportunity for all—and he has worked to uphold and to strengthen that promise.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in thanking Frank Pugh for his service on behalf of Sonoma County and California. His example reminds us of the value of public education and the importance of continuing to support and protect it.

HONORING BRET MICHAEL  
BUSSINGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bret Michael Bussinger. Bret is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bret has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bret has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bret has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bret Michael Bussinger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

H.R. 6423, THE "HOMELAND SECURITY CYBER AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION ACT OF 2010"

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, illegal penetrations or "hacks" of

computer networks have become an increasingly serious homeland security issue. Not only do they threaten the personal fortunes and identities of our citizens but also the effective functioning of our government, our infrastructure, our economy, and our national security. As Americans at all levels of society—from their personal lives to their professional work—grow increasingly reliant on computers and those computers become ever more connected, the scope of this security vulnerability continues to expand at a dizzying rate. Over the past year or so, there has been an active Congressional debate about what should be done to address this significant homeland security vulnerability. The introduction of the "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," is intended to refocus the debate away from Presidential Internet shut-down authority and other "what ifs" and back to the central Federal cybersecurity challenge—the mismatch between the Department of Homeland Security's, DHS, designation, since 2003, as the "focal point for security of cyberspace," and the authorities conferred to DHS to fulfill its cybersecurity mission with respect to networks operated by Federal civilian agencies and critical infrastructure.

The "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," seeks to enhance DHS' cybersecurity capacity by authorizing the DHS Office of Cybersecurity and Communications and creating a new Cybersecurity Compliance Division to oversee the establishment of performance-based standards responsive to the particular risks to the (1) .gov domain and (2) critical infrastructure networks, respectively. This bill is designed to require DHS to work with network operators to develop tailored security plans that meet risk-based, performance-based standards, as is being done in DHS' Chemical Facility Anti-terrorism program.

"Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," is focused on providing the Department of Homeland Security, DHS, with the resources and authority that it needs to fulfill its Federal responsibility as the protector of our Nation's cyberspace. Specifically, the bill seeks to give DHS the resource and authority needed to strengthen the cybersecurity of (1) Federal government networks—the ".gov" domain—and (2) critical infrastructure in the private sector.

From a security and good-government standpoint, the way to deliver better cybersecurity is to leverage, modify, and enhance existing structures and efforts, rather than make wholesale bureaucratic changes. To that end, my bill authorizes a cybersecurity operation within the Department of Homeland Security that not only runs parallel to the Department's infrastructure protection work but also leverages, modifies, and enhances existing cybersecurity structures and programs. My bill specifically directs DHS to issue risk-based, performance-based cybersecurity standards for computer networks for systems in the .gov domain and those within the private sector that are within designated critical infrastructure.

For DHS' efforts to succeed, there needs to be "buy-in" on the front end and compliance on the hack end. The bill fosters "buy-in" from the operators of the civilian Federal networks by establishing a working group comprised of Federal agencies, and chaired by the Sec-

retary of Homeland Security, that is responsible for establishing risk-based, performance-based standards and corresponding remedies, including penalties, for non-compliance with these standards. Similarly, to foster "buy-in" for risk-based, performance-based standards for the critical infrastructure firms, DHS is directed to develop the standards in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders—from the Intelligence Community to the heads of sector-specific agencies to councils representing the interests of private sector companies—and subject the standards to the notice and comment regulatory process.

With respect to compliance, my bill directs DHS to look at approaches to foster compliance—such as liability protection under the Safety Act—and grants DHS the authority to delegate enforcement to another Federal department that has an existing regulatory authority over that sector. In some cases, delegation will prevent private sector firms from being subjected to redundant and overlapping regulations.

To ensure compliance, civilian Federal networks will be regularly monitored by DHS to ensure that each agency is in compliance with the standards adopted by the Federal agency working group. The bill requires DHS to report infractions and corresponding remedies to the Office of Management and Budget, who, in turn, is required to execute the corresponding penalty or remedy.

My bill also includes a number of provisions to improve the reporting of cyber incidents, the sharing of information on cyber threats, the capacity of DHS to hire 500 additional cyber professionals and the level of cybersecurity research and development activities.

Taken together, the "Homeland Security Cyber and Physical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2010," will make our Nation more secure and better position DHS—the "focal point for the security of cyberspace," under Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7—to fulfill its critical homeland security mission. I urge Members to join me and cosponsor this important, common-sense homeland security legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL  
POLLY A. PEYER

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today not only as the Representative of the 8th District of Georgia, but also as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, to honor the exemplary service and accomplishments of Major General Polly A. Peyer on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Peyer distinguished herself through exceptionally meritorious service to the Air Force and to the Nation during more than thirty-four years of active military service in peace and war, culminating as the Commanding General, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.

Madam Speaker, throughout her career, Maj. Gen. Peyer has been in the forefront of Air Force logistics, serving in all command positions from squadron to wing level and has

held major command and headquarters-level positions. Among her many accomplishments, Maj. Gen. Peyer was directly responsible for ensuring the highest quality support to maintenance programs supporting the C-130, F-15, C-17, and C-5 aircraft, among others. Her commitment to excellence directly led the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center to garner 61 national, Air Force, and command organizational awards, and resulted in the Air Force's ability to achieve goals set for the troop surge in Afghanistan, while simultaneously supporting ongoing operations in Iraq.

Dedicated to the well-being of Team Robins, Maj. Gen. Peyer oversaw the development of the "You Matter" program to raise awareness of suicide and develop understanding, recognition, and skills to proactively prevent it. Maj. Gen. Peyer was also a staunch advocate of workplace safety and implemented the Commander's Safe Site Challenge to implement tenets of OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs. Furthermore, Maj. Gen. Peyer and her husband, Colonel (Retired) Brian Grady, were untiring advocates for various organizations, causes, and issues including one of our Nation's most outstanding gems, the Museum of Aviation.

Madam Speaker, Major General Peyer leaves the United States Air Force, the Department of Defense, the Nation, and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center stronger through her vision and leadership. Her dedication to excellence and devotion to duty, honor, and country have marked her distinguished service. Her record of achievement and manner of service throughout her long career in positions of enormous responsibility are commensurate with honoring her in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I thank her for her service.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS B. GIBBS

#### HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my most trusted advisors and closest friends, Francis B. Gibbs, who is moving on to new opportunities in the private sector.

Many staffers come and go on Capitol Hill, as many Members can attest, but I've been fortunate to have Francis at my side for over five years. He has been a dedicated public servant and a terrific sounding board for me, and he has been an incredible advocate and mentor for my staff.

Before serving as my Legislative Director and then my Chief of Staff, Francis worked for Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW as his Legislative Counsel. A native Floridian, Francis understands the values and attributes of our great State.

More importantly, Francis shares a strong passion for the ideals of freedom and free markets. He is deeply committed to the Constitution and the principles of federalism, and his work reflects his commitment to limiting the size and scope of an ever-intrusive federal government. A famous man once said, "No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation." Francis has been, and always will be, a true patriot and defender of freedom.

While I am happy for Francis to begin this next phase of his professional career, make no mistake about it, he will be greatly missed. He has been a valuable member and an irreplaceable part of my team, but I know I can continue to count on his advice and friendship in the years ahead.

Madam Speaker, I would not be where I am today were it not for Francis' dedication, service and hard work. On behalf of the people of Florida's Fourteenth Congressional District, I want to thank Francis for his nearly ten years of service to the people of Florida and the Nation. He is my friend, he is a true public servant in every sense of the word, and I wish him all the best as he begins this new and exciting chapter of his life with his family.

#### IN HONOR OF ANGELO ROMEO, RESPECTED DIRECTOR OF THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Angelo Romeo as Director of the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Affairs. A resident of Newfield, New Jersey, Mr. Romeo has demonstrated a tireless work ethic and dedication to Gloucester County veterans that deserves recognition.

Mr. Romeo's life shows the strong influence of his mother and political mentor, Virginia Romeo, the first woman elected to the Newfield City Council. Following in her footsteps, Mr. Romeo first ran for a freeholder position in 1972 and was later appointed to fill Lee Ranstrom's seat in 1974 before winning his own election in 1975. He also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1966–1969.

After a 20-year break from politics, Mr. Romeo joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County in 1998, where his part-time position quickly flourished into a full-time leadership role. Mr. Romeo excelled at finding and meeting the needs of veterans in Gloucester County.

Mr. Romeo worked tirelessly to establish the Veterans Affairs clinic and the Williamstown cemetery. Since the beginning of 2010, the VA clinic in Gloucester County has seen over 4,000 individuals with a combined 18,000 appointments. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration awarded the Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year to Mr. Romeo.

Mr. Romeo and his wife, Susan, have four children and eight grandchildren whom they plan to take to Disney World after he retires next month.

Madam Speaker, Angelo Romeo's commitment to Gloucester County and its veterans must be recognized. I wish him the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his continued service to the veterans of Gloucester County.

#### HONORING DAVID S. AMERYUN

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David S. Ameryun. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, David has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David S. Ameryun for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN MEMORY OF U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST SHANNON "CHANEN" CHIHUAHUA

#### HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a brave soldier, a dedicated citizen of Thomasville, Georgia, and a great American, U.S. Army Specialist Shannon "Chanen" Chihuahua, who selflessly gave his life while serving his country in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Specialist Chihuahua was born in 1985, and was raised in Thomasville, Georgia. After graduating from Thomas County Central High School in 2004, he attended Valdosta State University. He met his loving wife, Kristen, in July of 2006 and the two were married November 4, 2006.

Answering the call to service, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Specialist Chihuahua was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

His awards and decorations include: Purple Heart; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; and Combat Medic Badge.

While deployed to Afghanistan, he was one of several service members tragically killed on November 12, 2010 when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. He gave the ultimate sacrifice; he died while trying to save a fellow soldier, who was injured.

Specialist Chihuahua's death is a great loss to this country, as he was a man of great promise and honor. He was described as an energetic and positive person with a constant smile. He was well regarded by his peers and known for his congeniality.

His death is also a great loss to his loving family. He is survived by his wife, Kristen; two daughters, Sophia and Annabelle; his mother, Dennice Dinkins of Thomasville, Georgia; and father, Sebastian Chihuahua of Del Rio, Texas.

Madam Speaker, U.S. Army Specialist Shannon "Chanen" Chihuahua made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. His time on this earth was too short. He was a proud American, a brave soldier, and a true family man. In life, he was loved and honored and in death, he will be remembered by a grateful nation.

### COMMEMORATING THE PERSIAN GULF WAR

SPEECH OF

**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 17, 2010*

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I would ask that this exchange of letters between myself and Chairman FILNER and Chairman SKELTON regarding H. Res. 1672 be submitted.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.*

Hon. IKE SKELTON,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States toward Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

I agree that the Committee on Armed Services has certain valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, and I appreciate your decision to waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672 in the interest of expediting consideration of this important measure. I understand that by agreeing to waive further consideration, the Committee on Armed Services is not waiving its jurisdictional claims over similar measures in the future.

During consideration of this measure on the House floor, I will ask that this exchange of letters be included for the record.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,  
*Chairman.*

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 16, 2010.*

Hon. HOWARD BERMAN;  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BERMAN: I am writing to you concerning H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States towards Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, and Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Our committee recognizes the importance of H. Res. 1672, and the need for the resolution to move expeditiously. Therefore, while we have a valid claim to jurisdiction over this legislation, the Committee on Armed Services will waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the resolution, the Committee on Armed Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the resolution which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Please submit this letter and a copy of your response during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective committees.

Very truly yours,

IKE SKELTON,  
*Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.*

Hon. HOWARD L. BERMAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On September 28, 2010, H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States towards Persian Gulf War veterans, was introduced in the House of Representatives. This measure was sequentially referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs recognizes the importance of H. Res. 1672 and the need to move this resolution expeditiously. Therefore, while we have valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672. The Committee does so with the understanding that by waiving further consideration of this resolution it does not waive any future jurisdictional claims over similar measures.

I would appreciate the inclusion of this letter and a copy of your response during consideration of H. Res. 1672 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER,  
*Chairman.*

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, DC, November 15, 2010.*

Hon. BOB FILNER,  
*Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H. Res. 1672, commemorating the Persian Gulf War and reaffirming the commitment of the United States toward Persian Gulf War veterans. This measure was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

I agree that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs has certain valid jurisdictional claims to this resolution, and I appreciate your decision to waive further consideration of H. Res. 1672 in the interest of expediting consideration of this important measure. I understand that by agreeing to waive further consideration, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is not waiving its jurisdictional claims over similar measures in the future.

During consideration of this measure on the House floor, I will ask that this exchange

of letters be included in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

HOWARD L. BERMAN,  
*Chairman.*

### HONORING JOEL LEIGHTON RONEY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joel Leighton Roney. Joel is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joel has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joel has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joel has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joel Leighton Roney for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. W. HENRY MAXWELL

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's finest public servants, a great man of faith and a trusted friend, former State Senator Dr. W. Henry Maxwell. This past Saturday, Dr. Maxwell passed away, and I would like to take a brief moment to celebrate his life and legacy.

A lifelong resident of Newport News, Dr. Maxwell was born on April 3, 1935, and graduated from Carver High School in 1951. Having been raised in the church, Dr. Maxwell nurtured a deep and abiding faith that eventually led him into the ministry. In 1967, he was ordained into gospel ministry and he formalized his calling, receiving both a bachelor of theology degree and a doctorate of divinity from Virginia Seminary and College.

It is hard to separate the life and legacy of Dr. Maxwell from the history of Ivy Baptist Church, the institution that Dr. Maxwell faithfully led for 37 years. Under his leadership, the church grew in size, purchased a new house of worship, and established a child care and learning center. As a fitting tribute to his years of dedicated service, Ivy Baptist erected the W. Henry Maxwell Family Life Center in 1999.

If Dr. Maxwell's only contribution to his community was as a pastor, he would have had a lasting legacy. But Dr. Maxwell was a civic activist and a public servant who was fond of saying: "If one was to be concerned about



man, he should be concerned about the laws that govern man." Dr. Maxwell was an effective and hard-working legislator and a strong voice for the downtrodden. When I first became involved in community activities and politics in my hometown of Newport News, I was following in Dr. Maxwell's footsteps. Dr. Maxwell was serving as President of the Newport News branch of the NAACP when I came back to Newport News after finishing law school, and I was honored to step into his shoes in 1975 as President of the branch. Dr. Maxwell ran for Newport News City Council in 1976. Although his campaign was unsuccessful, the work of his campaign served as a foundation for my successful run for the Virginia House of Delegates in 1977. During my tenure in the Virginia House of Delegates, Dr. Maxwell was a trusted advisor and friend. When I was elected to the State Senate in 1983, Dr. Maxwell was elected to my House of Delegates seat. We served as colleagues in the Virginia General Assembly, until I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992. Following my election, Dr. Maxwell was successfully elected to the State Senate.

Dr. Maxwell's tenure in the Virginia General Assembly as both a member of the House of Delegates and the State Senate, was characterized by a deep tie to the needs of his community. He was critical in obtaining state funds to restore the historic Newsome House and support its use as a community cultural center. He was an advocate for the continued operation of the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. He was also instrumental in ensuring that judges in Virginia properly reflected the community they served. In addition to his formal duties as a member of the House of Delegates and a State Senator, Dr. Maxwell was engaged in many civic organizations. He was a Life Member of the NAACP, member of the board of trustees of the Peninsula Economic Development Council, the United Way of the Peninsula, and the Newport News Alliance for Youth.

Madam Speaker, the city of Newport News has lost a great public servant and I have lost a dear friend. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Dr. Maxwell's wife of 53 years, Gladys, their children Walter, Ronald, and Angela, great-grandchildren, sisters Pauline, Salie, Shirley and Gwendolyn, brothers Wesley and Thomas, nieces, nephews, other family and friends and the Ivy Baptist Church community.

IN HONOR OF THE VIETNAM WAR  
VETERANS FROM THE OAK  
CLIFF LIONS CLUB

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vietnam War Veterans of the Oak Cliff Lions Club. It is my great privilege and pleasure to honor these individuals.

On November 3, 2010, the Oak Cliff Lions Club paid special tribute to its members that served in the Vietnam War. This group of distinct individuals includes Captain Stan Altschuler, USA; Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Bown, USN; Airman First Class Danny Boyce, USAF; Colonel Rich Buickerood,

USAF, Ret.; Major Durhl Caussey, USA, Ret.; 1st Lieutenant Scott Chase, USA; Colonel Ken Cordier, USAF, Ret.; Lt. Colonel Stoney Green, USA; Captain Ray Morey, USAF; 1st Lieutenant Edwin Strom, USA; Sgt. Joe Wells, USAF; Captain David Mills, USA, USAF; and Spec. 4 Jim Foster, USA.

These veterans deserve our deepest gratitude for their great sacrifice made in defense of liberty, freedom, and democracy. No words can ever fully express our gratitude for all they have done for our country. Their patriotism, courage, and selflessness is commendable and deserves our highest regard.

Madam Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude for their service to this great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HORACE  
WELLS CLUB OF CONNECTICUT

**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut. For over 100 years, this organization has been dedicated to promoting the field of anesthesiology. This remarkable breakthrough in the field of medicine and dentistry has dramatically improved the comfort of patients during surgery and transformed once painful experiences into routine procedures.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut was founded in 1894 by a group of dedicated dentists on the 50th anniversary of the discovery of anesthesia. Since then, they have held an annual dinner and given out the Horace Wells Anesthesia Award to an individual who has contributed to the advancement of the field of anesthesiology. The event has been held at the historic Harford Club for the last 75 years. This year's event will be held on December 11th, exactly 166 years to the date of anesthesia's discovery.

The Horace Wells Club of Connecticut is named after the Hartford dentist who discovered that nitrous oxide could be used as anesthesia. Horace Wells pioneered this medical advancement by first experimenting on himself during a tooth extraction. After his own successful use of anesthesia, he worked tirelessly to spread and advance this technology to improve the lives of people everywhere. He is famously quoted as wanting to see anesthesia become "as free as the air we breathe." Horace Wells has been recognized multiple times by the American Dental Association and the American Medical Association. Additionally, the State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford commissioned a bronze statue in 1874, which sits at Bushnell Park in Hartford, CT to this day.

Anesthesia's abundant availability has contributed greatly to the relief of pain and suffering and Horace Wells was instrumental in this important medical breakthrough. I commend the Horace Wells Club of Connecticut for honoring his contribution to medicine and wish that they have a successful gala on December 11th.

HONORING SCOTT DAVIS  
GEISINGER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Scott Davis Geisinger. Scott is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Scott has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Scott has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Scott has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Scott Davis Geisinger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS AND  
FORECLOSURE STABILIZATION  
ACT OF 2010

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, in the midst of this recession, the American people face impossible job prospects, decreased wages, and the continuing decline in the value of their homes. Reports show that 23 percent of all residential properties are underwater and the foreclosure rates are only rising. Underwater homeowners are often ineligible for refinancing, and are kept from restructuring the mortgage debt on their primary home in bankruptcy. With banks being largely ineffective in modifying loans, homeowners are left with little choice but foreclosure. The American people deserve better, and fixing this problem will help the economy and American families.

The "Protecting Homeowners and Foreclosure Stabilization act of 2010" will give homeowners the ability to restructure the debt on their primary residence in bankruptcy. Furthermore, homeowners will receive increased protection from foreclosure by the automatic stay in bankruptcy, and increased time to file a plan in Chapter 13. Homeowners facing foreclosure have the additional benefit of waiver of the pre-filing counseling requirement to ensure minimal delay in accessing the court. As a condition of filing, homeowners must certify that they requested a loan modification from their bank.

The ability to restructure the debt of all assets in bankruptcy has long been enjoyed by businesses. There is no reason that the American people should receive fewer protections than businesses do in bankruptcy. The "Protecting Homeowners and Foreclosure Stabilization act of 2010" will help put American homeowners on equal footing with the banks when working to save their homes.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present in the Capitol for all votes on Thursday, November 18, 2010. However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows: "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass S. 3774, Extending the deadline for Social Services Block Grant expenditures of supplemental funds appropriated following disasters occurring in 2008; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Con. Res. 329, Recognizing the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975; "yea" on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 1677, Condemning the Burmese regime's undemocratic upcoming elections on November 7, 2010.

HONORING SURFING LEGEND  
ANDY IRONS**HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. HIRONO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to surfing legend Andy Irons, who passed away suddenly on November 2 at the age of 32. A kama'aina from Hanalei on the island of Kauai, Andy Irons was one of the sport's most recognized athletes with three world championship titles, an accomplishment that no other male surfer from Hawaii has been able to achieve. In all, Andy won 32 professional surfing contests, including 20 elite Association of Surfing Professionals World Tour tides and four Triple Crown tides. Currently ranked 16th in the world, Andy remains the highest-ranked professional surfer from Hawaii.

Known for his powerful, fluid style and ability to excel in all types of surf conditions, Andy Irons was not only highly respected by surfers in Hawaii but also served as an ambassador for Hawaii and the sport as he competed in events all over the world. Andy always made it a point to mentor local surfers and promote the sport in Hawaii, including hosting the Irons Brothers Pine Trees Classic with his brother Bruce for up-and-coming surfers on Kauai over the past nine years.

Although he went on hiatus from competing professionally in 2008 and 2009, Andy made a comeback this year, winning the Billabong Pro Teahupoo in Tahiti in September. He was also expected to be a top contender in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing this month on the North Shore of Oahu, a three-event series that he won from 2002 to 2006.

Andy is survived by his wife, Lyndie, who is expecting their first child next month; father, Phil; mother, Danielle; and brother, Bruce. In addition to the thousands of people who paid tribute to Andy at a memorial "paddle out" service at Hanalei Bay on the North Shore of Kauai on November 14, thousands of fans, friends, and competitors around the world held similar memorials in solidarity.

Andy served as an inspiration to the people of Hawaii and to the surfing community around the world. He will be greatly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN "CAL"  
WORTHINGTON**HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Calvin "Cal" Worthington, a great American entrepreneur who is turning 90 years old this week.

When I think of Mr. Worthington, the first thing which comes to mind is that he is a true "Renaissance Man." He proudly served our country in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-17 Bomber pilot, and because of his heroic skills during the military campaign in Germany, he was awarded the Air Medal five times, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross.

When Mr. Worthington returned to the States, he eventually became one of the most successful car salesmen in the country. With his dealerships in five States, Cal quickly demonstrated an aptitude for drawing in customers. His name today still evokes memories of tantalizing jingles as well as images of zoo animals and stunts, as he is best known for his lively commercials with his "dog" Spot. His advertisements were received with high national acclaim, due to the fact that Spot was never a dog. Instead, Spot was always an exotic animal, such as a tiger, chimpanzee, lion, bear, goose, rhinoceros, skunk, water buffalo, snake, elephant or seal.

Mr. Worthington's sense of humor, tremendous business skills, love of music and the arts, and his desire to continually improve his community will be his legacy. It is an honor to recognize Cal Worthington for his immense dedication to improving the quality of life for so many individuals and for his commitment to excellence. He has served our Nation proudly and I am privileged to say that he will always be my friend. Happy 90th birthday, Cal; in dog years you are now officially 630 years old!

HONORING TIMMOTHY HANS-  
ROBERT HILLER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller. Timmothy is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Timmothy has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Timmothy has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Timmothy has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Timmothy Hans-Robert Hiller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION  
FOR PUEBLO DEL SOL ELEMEN-  
TARY SCHOOL**HON. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. GIFFORDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in Sierra Vista, Arizona which has been designated a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

This is a significant honor for the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol, which is in Arizona's 8th Congressional District. Pueblo Del Sol was among just four schools in the State of Arizona and 304 in the Nation to receive this prestigious award.

Principal Jim Sprigg as well as former Principal John Wilson, who retired last year, played major roles in leading the school to this award. I extend my congratulations to both of them for establishing and maintaining an outstanding tradition of educational excellence.

It also is important to note that this award would not have been possible without the dedication of Pueblo Del Sol students who come to school each day ready to learn and anxious to apply themselves to their education. The success of the students would not have been possible without the support and guidance given to them by their parents.

We have, unfortunately, become accustomed to hearing discouraging educational news. We are encouraged, however, that those affiliated with Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School have shown that even with tight financial constraints, schools with students and teachers who are determined to succeed will excel.

The people of Sierra Vista and the members of the Sierra Vista Unified School District should be very proud to have such a stellar school in their community. I share their pride and am pleased to have Pueblo Del Sol Elementary School in my Congressional District as an example of the excellence that is possible in our public education system.

I am honored to recognize the students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators of Pueblo Del Sol on this outstanding national award. It is a testament to their dedication, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to learning.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH 2009**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the DREAM Act.

We are a nation built by the hard work and personal achievements of immigrants. We

must take strides to move immigration reform forward and now is the time to do it. Now is the time to help millions of young people achieve the American Dream.

Improving access to education for immigrants is an important piece of reform. Education has always been a priority of mine and, in order to build a stronger nation, we should encourage those who want to become Americans to pursue their education.

The DREAM Act also allows for permanent resident status to be given to those who served for two years in the military. It is only fitting that we afford this status to individuals who are willing to lay down their lives if need be for the protection of this great nation.

My esteemed colleagues, I urge you to uphold the ideals of the American Dream; vote in favor of the DREAM Act. Thank you.

#### NATIONAL AWARD CENTER

### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, for the last several decades multi-billion dollar trade deficits have continued to disadvantage American industries and manufacturing, and that means American jobs. Businesses, like the National Award Center, are working with employers and employees to promote critical economic priorities of higher productivity, more innovation and a strong, competitive work ethic. I commend these national priorities to all companies, organizations and related government agencies, federal, state and local which are trying to level the playing field for the United States in the global marketplace. I congratulate the National Award Center in its inaugural year.

HONORING ALBERT BURSTEIN'S  
APPOINTMENT AS CHEVALIER  
OF THE FRENCH LEGION OF  
HONOR

### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend Mr. Albert Burstein upon his appointment as Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the President of the French Republic, Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy. This prestigious distinction was conferred upon Mr. Burstein on November 11, 2010 to express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the French people for his contribution to the liberation of their country during World War II.

Mr. Burstein joined the United States Army on May 8, 1943 in Fort Dix, New Jersey. He became a member of the 44th Infantry Division and was soon shipped overseas, where his outfit was quickly engaged in combat in the south central region of France. Having received Army specialized training in the German language, Mr. Burstein was placed in charge of troops at the front lines in order to watch for oncoming German counter attacks. Following his honorable discharge from the

Army, Mr. Burstein was awarded both the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.

Albert Burstein's extraordinary accomplishments and steadfast devotion to public service continued after his departure from the military. Al served as a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1971 to 1981, during which he held several leadership positions, including Chairman of the Assembly Education Committee and Assembly Majority Leader. He remained committed to improving the quality of schools in the State of New Jersey and across the country, serving as a member and chairman of numerous education commissions and boards. On the federal level, Mr. Burstein was appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to serve as Chairman of the Model Adoption Legislation and Procedures Advisory Panel from 1978 to 1979.

Mr. Burstein continues to provide his expertise and leadership to the people of New Jersey as partner in a distinguished law firm in Hackensack, New Jersey—Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt & Harz, L.L.C. He is an active member of his community and has been recognized for his legal work in Bergen County. Mr. Burstein is a great source of pride and admiration for his loving family, including his wife Ruth; his children Jeff, Diane, and Laura; and his grandchildren Alexandra, William, and Julia.

Madam Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Albert Burstein on being honored by the people of France and thank him for both his military heroism and his lifelong commitment to serving our great Nation. I am grateful to have had such a dedicated and outstanding individual as an honored friend and role model for over 30 years.

HONORING THOMAS ANDREW  
GEISINGER

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas Andrew Geisinger. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas Andrew Geisinger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF GENERAL C. ROBERT  
KEHLER, COMMANDER, AIR  
FORCE SPACE COMMAND

### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to General C. Robert Kehler. The President of the United States nominated him to be the next Commander of United States Strategic Command. General Kehler became Commander of Air Force Space Command in October 2007 and he leads the world's greatest space and cyberspace force.

General Kehler entered the Air Force in 1975 as a distinguished graduate of the Pennsylvania State University Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His exemplary Air Force career is marked by command at the squadron, group and wing levels, and a broad range of experience in intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) operations, space launch, space operations, missile warning, and space control.

General Kehler began his illustrious career as a Minuteman Combat Crewmember. His Air Force journey would take him and his wife, Marjorie, through a series of Air Force and Joint assignments. As the Chief of the Strategic Missile Branch in the Secretary of the Air Force's Office of Legislative Liaison, he was the Secretary's point man on Capitol Hill for matters regarding the President's ICBM Modernization Program. As Director of the National Security Space Office, he integrated the activities of a number of space organizations on behalf of the Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director, National Reconnaissance Office. Prior to assuming his current position, General Kehler was the Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

In his current assignment as Commander, Air Force Space Command, General Kehler is responsible for organizing, equipping, training and maintaining mission-ready space and cyberspace forces and capabilities for North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Strategic Command, and other combatant commands around the world. He provides inspirational leadership to more than 46,000 personnel responsible for mission areas ranging from assured access to space to on-orbit space operations, space situational awareness, and cyberspace operations. General Kehler's dynamic leadership capabilities were vital to the transfer of the ICBM mission to the newly established Air Force Global Strike Command and in standing up the 24th Air Force to execute the Air Force's cyberspace mission. His decisive and visionary leadership of Air Force Space Command earned National Defense Industrial Association recognition as the 2009 Hartinger Award winner for "Outstanding Achievement in the Military Space Mission of the United States."

Madam Speaker, the American people have been fortunate to have General Kehler serving as the Commander of Air Force Space Command for the past three years. Marjorie, and their two sons, Matt and Jared, can be proud of his fine character and dedication to service. He will be greatly missed in Colorado Springs, but the community's loss is the country's gain. I know my fellow Members of the House of

Representatives will join me in thanking him for his continued commitment to his country.

HONORING DR. GRACIELA SARMIENTO OF ARROYO GRANDE, ROGER LYON OF CAYUCOS, DR. JAMES THORTON OF ARROYO GRANDE AND CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO STUDENT AND PARAMEDIC ANDREW THIEL

### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Last month, four cherished members of my community on the California Central Coast died when their plane carrying medical supplies crashed in Mexico. All four were participating in a humanitarian mission with the Flying Samaritans aid organization.

The tragic loss of Dr. Graciela Sarmiento of Arroyo Grande, Roger Lyon of Cayucos, Dr. James Thorton of Arroyo Grande and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student and paramedic Andrew Thiel has been of tremendous shock and heart-ache to our close community. That these four selfless and dedicated individuals would pass on so suddenly and in an act of such generosity is all the more painful.

As our community grieves, we have pledged to honor the work of Graciela, Roger, James and Andrew in our own lives. In death, these remarkable people have reminded us in the most powerful and tragic of ways that life is short, and that genuine generosity knows no bounds.

While they were at different stages in life, all four were known to their families, friends and neighbors as bighearted, intellectually curious and passionate about contributing to the community and world around them. In leading through example, Graciela, Roger, James and Andrew demonstrated that there are no limits when working to make this world a better place.

I urge all my colleagues to celebrate the lives of Graciela, Roger, James and Andrew with their own acts of generosity and to pray for their surviving families and friends. Thank you and I yield back.

### A TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DAVID K. BRAWLEY

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. David K. Brawley.

Reverend David K. Brawley's commitment to the call and demands of ministry is evidenced in his leadership and his availability.

At the age of sixteen, Rev. Brawley responded to God's will and was ordained by Rev. Winifred Phippen of First Baptist Church in Deer Park, New York. He became the Youth Minister at First Baptist, where he maintained his membership for thirteen years.

In 1994, Rev. Brawley began his full time career in ministry at St. Paul Community Bap-

tist Church in Brooklyn, New York, where Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood has served as Senior Pastor for the past thirty-five years. Rev. Brawley served as Dr. Youngblood's Assistant Pastor beginning in 1995, and in January 2008, was named Pastor Successor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

During his tenure at St. Paul, Rev. Brawley has served in a large number of roles, including: Coordinator of the Men-in-Training program for the St. Paul Community Board of Elders, pastoral counseling, officiating at sacred events such as weddings, baby dedications, and home going services, community organizing, leading worship services, and as an on-call teacher to the congregation. His organizing efforts play a dynamic role in the church's community development activities where he serves as a member of the Governance Board and Strategy Team of East Brooklyn Congregations, EBC, an organization which has been at the forefront of construction projects that have resulted in over 3000 affordable homes in Brooklyn. Rev. Brawley has been an outspoken advocate for public school reform and has addressed issues such as public safety, housing, and quality of life concerns on behalf of neighborhood residents. Rev. Brawley's community involvement also includes his role as Vice President of E.D.I.F.Y. Communities of East New York. E.D.I.F.Y., which stands for Empower, Develop and Improve Families and Youth, seeks to increase the vitality and value of urban communities by pooling resources and charitable funds.

Rev. Brawley's four principles for a strong, productive ministry are: creating a thriving worship experience; actively engaging in community organizing; edifying God's people; and becoming a beacon of economic development for the community the ministry serves. As a pastor, Rev. Brawley possesses the gifts of exhortation, inspiration, motivation, and encouragement, which he shares in worship services and across the nation at men's conferences, revivals, and youth group programming.

In 2004, Rev. Brawley earned his Master's degree in Theological Studies from the Faith Seminary of Tacoma, Washington. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in ministry at Faith Seminary.

Rev. Brawley resides in Brooklyn, New York with his wife Debra and their two children, Rhonesha and Michael.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions of Rev. David K. Brawley.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT P. KELLER, USMC (RET.)

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise to recognize the life and service of Lieutenant General Robert P. Keller, USMC (Ret.).

Robert Keller was born in Oakland, California, on February 9, 1920. As part of the Greatest Generation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and answered his call to

duty during World War II. Robert Keller became an exceptional Naval aviator, serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He further distinguished himself as an aviator by flying both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. In Vietnam, he flew with his son, Bob, Jr., on a helicopter mission as well as a fixed-wing aircraft mission. Through the course of his career, General Keller earned the Silver Star Medal, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, and three awards of the Legion of Merit. He retired as the Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, on July 1, 1972.

Over the course of his distinguished career and his various billets, General Keller served our nation with great pride and dedication. He continued to uphold the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment throughout the rest of his life.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Lieutenant General Robert P. Keller's immense contributions to our national security through his lifelong leadership and service to the United States Marine Corps and this great nation. General Keller was preceded by his wife Lucille and is survived by children, Ronald, Robert, Anne, and Joan, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I would like to offer my sincere condolences. Northwest Florida mourns the loss of a respected patriot. To his family and friends, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend; to all, he will forever be remembered as a great American hero.

### RECOGNIZING BREESE MATER DEI FOR WINNING THE VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of a talented group of student-athletes from Breese, Illinois.

The Breese Mater Dei Knights volleyball team recently captured the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 3A State Title and finished the season with an outstanding 41-1 record. The Knights lost the first set of the championship match to Joliet Catholic 25-15, but fought back and captured the last two sets 25-18 and 26-24 to secure the state championship.

I would like to congratulate Head Coach Fred Rakers and Assistant Coach Chad Rakers for all of their hard work with the team. But most of all, I want to congratulate the 2010 state champion volleyball team from Breese Mater Dei: Samantha Bedard, Kaley Boeckmann, Chelsea Crocker, Kayla Eversgerd, Alyssa Hitpas, Bailey Kampwerth, Emily Koelling, Alison Lampen, Abby Luebbers, Mallory Mensing, Alison Mueller, Ashley Rakers, Brooke Schulte, Nicole Strieker, Abbey Winter.

These young ladies have represented themselves, their school and their community in an exemplary fashion and I want to join with all the members of this House in wishing them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE BUILDING RE-  
DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUT-  
TING OF VIENNA ELEMENTARY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the rededication of Vienna Elementary School. Founded in 1872, Vienna Elementary is the oldest continually operational school in Fairfax County. Today, we are celebrating the completion of upgrades that will improve the classroom experience for educators and children in our community.

Vienna Elementary School is one of the finest public schools in the country. Its mission is to challenge and support individual excellence by setting high academic standards and empowering students to become successful citizens. As a sign of its success, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine and the State Board of Education awarded Vienna Elementary the Board of Education Excellence Award. The award recognizes a school's ability to successfully meet benchmark standards in academic performance, and it also recognizes progressive improvement over time.

Vienna Elementary School is strengthened by its superb staff and also by an engaged and active public. The strong support of parents and area organizations teamed with the dedication of the school educators and administration provides an atmosphere that enables children to have new opportunities and access to robust academic support.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the rededication of Vienna Elementary School. I extend my congratulations and appreciation to the teachers, administrators, staff, parents and community partners who understand that quality education is the key to a bright future for our children.

DR. MILDRED JEFFERSON IN-  
SPIRED AN ENTIRE GENERATION  
OF PRO-LIFE LEADERS

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today, I want to recognize and honor the life of Dr. Mildred Jefferson, who passed away on October 15, 2010, at the age of 84.

Dr. Jefferson was a trailblazer of her time. She was the first African-American woman to graduate from Harvard Medical School, the first female surgical intern at Boston City Hospital and the first woman admitted to membership in the Boston Surgical Society.

Dr. Jefferson was born in Pittsburg, Texas, on April 6, 1926, to Gurthie Jefferson, a minister, and Millard Jefferson, a schoolteacher. She graduated from Texas College in Tyler and earned a master's degree from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts before attending Harvard Medical School. In her lifetime she also was the recipient of 28 honorary degrees.

Her life was historic in many ways, yet she will be remembered not only for the lives she saved as a physician but also for the lives she saved as an advocate for the unborn.

From the earliest years of the right to life movement, she dedicated herself to the cause, always beautifully articulating the humanity of unborn children. Poised and passionate, always focused and extremely devoted, she made history and inspired an entire generation of pro-life leaders.

Dr. Jefferson was among the founders of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) and from 1975–1978 she served three terms as President of NRLC. She also served as director of Massachusetts Citizens for Life and a board member of American Life League. She was also a founding member of the board and a past president of the Value of Life Committee of Massachusetts and was active in Black Americans for Life.

Among all of her accolades and accomplishments, she should be best known for her own eloquent description of why she stood in solidarity with the unborn fighting day in and day out for their first right, the right to life. In her own words,

"I became a physician in order to help save lives. I am at once a physician, a citizen, and a woman, and I am not willing to stand aside and allow the concept of expendable human lives to turn this great land of ours into just another exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged, and the planned have the right to live."

Dr. Jefferson was always graceful. She embodied compassion. Her life is an example to us of the impact of faithful devotion to the sanctity of human life. Dr. Jefferson knew that you cannot speak of human and civil rights, while precluding virtually all protection to the most persecuted minority in the world today: unborn children.

She reminded us all, "The right-to-life cause is not the concern of only a special few but it should be the cause of all those who care about fairness and justice, love and compassion and liberty with law."

Dr. Jefferson is correct when she said,—the cause for the right to life concerns all of us. Someday, when our goal of ending abortion is finally realized, future generations of Americans will look back on us and wonder how and why such a rich and seemingly enlightened society, so blessed and endowed with the capacity to protect and enhance vulnerable human life, could have instead permitted, and even promoted, death to children and exploitation of women by abortion.

It was an honor to work alongside Dr. Jefferson to fight the injustice of abortion, and I know her legacy and memory will live on in the lives of those who knew her and in the lives of the unborn children she helped save.

HONORING REVEREND DEFOREST  
B. SOARIES

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, Reverend DeForest B. Soaries has dedicated his life to im-

proving the lives of others. Whether it was organizing a campaign in college to stop drug use on campus, starting non-profit groups to improve the lives of his church community or working for the Federal Government to improve the voting system, he has been and will continue to be a true asset to the state of New Jersey. And while we were once adversaries in a political campaign, I am honored now to call him a good friend.

Reverend Soaries' leadership positions within our community, State and Federal Governments show the commitment he has to helping people move forward. As the Secretary of State for New Jersey, he was the first African-American male to serve as a constitutional officer and worked across party lines to achieve progress in the government, including increased funding for the arts.

His time as a Secretary of State and his years of ministry prepared him to be the first chairman for the Federal Election Assistance Commission. The agency was created to help improve the election system in America and to stay ahead of the curve on technological advancements in voting. Reverend Soaries' character was tested as he helped get the agency off the ground without the resources originally promised. While not all of the plans were accomplished during his time as chairman, Reverend Soaries did lay the ground work for the operation of the EAC.

I have appreciated Reverend Soaries insight and collaboration with my efforts to enact election reform. His contributions have strengthened my election reform legislation, and I greatly value his efforts.

Reverend Soaries has also made significant contribution to his community and the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens over the last twenty years. He has and is continuing to help create better family units by encouraging people to become foster parents or adopt. He is also creating new homes for low and moderate income families, while providing numerous financial and employment support groups to meet the needs of the community. Recently, he hosted a program that allowed those who had run into trouble with the law to come to church and deal with their pending arrest warrants or other legal issues in a safe environment.

The First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens has grown from a parish of a few to over 6,000 people. However the goals of improving the community have not changed. Reverend Soaries has helped the church maintain their goals of "spiritual growth, educational excellence and economic empowerment" through his continuous dedication to creating a debt free parish. He has created a four part program called "dfree" that teaches people how to live a financially responsible life and get out of debt. Reverend Soaries facilitated the construction of the inspirational \$17 million church complex that makes possible a number of church programs and has greatly benefited the surrounding community and Central New Jersey.

Reverend Soaries is a valued pastor of his parish and I congratulate him on the celebration of his 20th anniversary with the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, and look forward to the accomplishments yet to come in the next 20 years.

THE SOCIAL SECURITY WIDOWS  
AND SPOUSAL PROTECTION ACT

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Madam Speaker, I am here today to introduce a bill that addresses a serious problem that affects many retired federal and state employees in Maine and across the nation.

Public servants have performed incredibly important services for their communities and country, but sadly many are being driven into poverty because of the Government Pension Offset, GPO. Of the 5,300 workers in Maine subject to this provision, 3,700 lose all of their Social Security widows or spousal benefits to the GPO. I just don't think that's fair for people who have devoted years to public service.

The effects of the current Government Pension Offset formula are most dramatic on lower income women—79% of beneficiaries affected by the GPO are women. After raising their families and serving the public, these women are devastated by losing most or all of their Social Security benefits after the already overwhelming loss of their spouses to death or divorce.

The legislation I am proposing is targeted at lifting out of poverty those hardest hit by the GPO. It would eliminate the GPO for beneficiaries whose combined monthly pension and Social Security widows or spousal benefits before offset is less than half the maximum Social Security benefit. Others would see a graduated Government Pension Offset. Under this formula, no one would see a reduction in their Social Security benefits and those in the lower incomes would have benefits raised to a livable rate.

I am pleased that the legislation has earned the support of both the Maine Education Association and the Maine State Employees Association. Lorraine Noel, President of the Maine Federation of Chapters for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, states, "This legislation is a good first step in addressing the injustices caused by the Government Pension Offset."

Make no mistake, I remain committed to completely repealing the GPO and the Windfall Elimination Provision, and have cosponsored a bill to do so. But in a struggling economy, measures to overturn these offsets are difficult. I hope this incremental reform will alleviate the worst effects on those most damaged by the Government Pension Offset and bring our vulnerable public servants out of poverty.

Please join me in supporting the Social Security Widows and Spousal Protection Act of 2010. We should not have someone's years of public service be the cause of their poverty.

RECOGNIZING NOVACO AND THE  
RECIPIENTS OF THE 2010 VOLUNTEER  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor NOVACO and to recognize the recipients of the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Awards.

NOVACO is committed to helping homeless victims of domestic violence become healthy, secure, and self-sufficient. Victims of domestic violence often feel that they have no safe place to turn. Fear, financial uncertainty, and the feeling of isolation often imprison these victims in abusive environments. When a victim breaks free, he or she can too easily end up homeless and alone.

Domestic violence affects every racial, ethnic, and socio-economic group. Many of us know a friend, neighbor, or family member who has been victimized. More than 15 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year. Each day, 3 women die as a result of domestic violence. More than 1 in 4 women will be the victim of domestic abuse in her lifetime; more than 3 of 4 Americans know someone who has been victimized.

For more than a decade NOVACO has provided critical services to homeless families who have escaped domestic abuse and who are seeking to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient. Assistance is provided in many areas including transitional and permanent housing, counseling, childcare, education, job training, and life skills classes. Through the robust support of area businesses and churches, NOVACO has grown into a leader in breaking the cycle of domestic violence.

NOVACO has initiated a number of innovative programs that have resulted in significant advancements for those in need. Their "Good Neighbor" program connects client families with sponsors to assist them in transitioning to self-sufficiency. Through the financial management courses, women have learned how to manage their financial affairs, addressing one of the most daunting aspects of escaping domestic abuse.

NOVACO is strengthened by the dedication of its volunteers. I am honored to recognize the following 2010 Volunteers of the Year: Volunteer of the Year: Joen Schultz Volunteer Group of the Year: Gracing Spaces Volunteer Business of the Year: Brookfield Homes Outstanding Community Support Award: King of Kings Lutheran Church

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing NOVACO, its volunteers and other supporters for their tireless work on behalf of so many who feel stranded and powerless. NOVACO is making a difference in our community, and I pledge to continue working with NOVACO and similar organizations to put an end to domestic abuse.

TRIBUTE TO SPENCER C. DISHER,  
JR. M.D.

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding physician and community leader as he retires and enters a new phase of his life. Dr. Spencer Disher of Orangeburg, South Carolina, has served the medical profession and his community admirably for half a century.

Spencer Disher was born in Darlington, South Carolina, and graduated as Salutatorian of his class at Mayo High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from South Carolina State College, now University, and entered Meharry Medical College in Nashville in 1956. Following graduation, he trained for a year at Kate B. Reynolds Hospital and served two years in the U.S. Army. While serving as an Army Captain, Dr. Disher was the Chief Physician for the Pentathlon athletes on the U.S. Olympic Team.

In 1963, Dr. Disher returned to South Carolina and began his medical practice in Orangeburg. He has also served as the college physician at Voorhees College, Denmark Technical College and Claflin University, where he currently serves as Medical Director of Student Health Services. He also holds the position of State Grand Medical Director for the Masons of South Carolina.

In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Disher has been very involved in organizations that support and advance the profession. He has served as the Chair of the Grants and Proposal Committee of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association, and is a member of South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners. He was the Chief of Staff at The Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg. For eleven years, Dr. Disher served as chair of the Executive Board of the Palmetto State Medical Dental Pharmaceutical Association, PMDPA. He also served as president of the PMDPA in 1975. He chaired the Public Health and Consumer Affairs Committee of the National Medical Association, NMA, for over a decade.

Dr. Disher is currently a member of the Meharry Medical College Board of Trustees, and has been a staunch advocate of the school. Two of his sons have graduated from Meharry. He has established the Spencer C. Disher, Jr., M.D. Endowed Scholarship to enable students from South Carolina to pursue their dream of studying for Medical, Dental or a Doctorate Degree in the Biomedical Sciences at Meharry Medical College.

Dr. Disher has been recognized by many organizations including Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi Fraternities. He is a member of the New Mount Zion Baptist Church. In addition to his many professional affiliations, he is a 33rd Degree Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the NAACP. Dr. Disher is married to the former Annette Moorer, and is the father of eight children.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the wonderful professional contributions of Dr. Spencer Disher. He has distinguished himself as doctor who cares not only for the patient but for the community as a whole. He has been a tremendous leader and a consummate professional throughout his career, and I am proud to call him a friend. I wish him Godspeed in retirement and know that he will continue to play an important part in the Orangeburg community for years to come.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF  
TURKEY'S 87TH REPUBLIC DAY

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus



on Turkey and Turkish Americans, I would like to offer my warmest congratulations to the people of Turkey, as they recently observed the 87th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic on October 29.

Under the visionary leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk and his successors, Turkey transformed itself into a modern, secular state allied with the democracies of Europe and the Americas. This alliance is enshrined in Turkey's NATO membership, as evidenced in the logistical and reconstruction efforts Turkey has undertaken in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In light of changing geopolitical developments, there have been questions about Turkey's commitment to its friends in recent years. While there may be bumps in the road in any friendship, differences that may exist between Turkey and the United States on certain issues are evidence of mature and healthy democracies having differences of opinion. The bilateral relationship is still undergirded by the same long-term goals of peace, security and prosperity.

I am confident that the relationship between our two peoples will stand the tests of time, given our shared ideals. Moreover, our ties are cemented by the presence and contributions of over 150,000 Turkish Americans, whose ranks are growing every year. Through diverse fields ranging from music to science—and increasingly through politics—Turkish Americans contribute to the vibrancy, health, and advancement of our society. We are fortunate to have them as our fellow citizens.

In closing, my congratulations again to all Turks everywhere on the commemoration of the 87th Turkish Republic Day.

IN HONOR OF BRIGADIER  
GENERAL KENNETH W. NORTH

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brigadier General Kenneth W. North, who passed away on September 21, 2010. Kenneth North fought for his country and survived seven years in a Vietnamese POW camp, and I am honored to stand in tribute to him.

General North was born in 1930 in Rockville, Connecticut, and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1953. In 1974, he completed studies at the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. In Vietnam, North served as a fighter pilot and flew 33 combat missions before being downed by enemy fire on August 1, 1966.

Kenneth North repeatedly faced down his tormenters during his seven years at the Hanoi Hilton. North was often beaten and tortured; he endured guards jacking his bound arms behind his back until the shoulder joints split. He suffered through these torturous sessions and defied his captors through bouts of solitary confinement.

North, the son of a Vernon mill worker, was released with 100 other POWs in August 1973 and was the first man off the plane on March 7 when he reunited with his family.

General North's military decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak

leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with "V" device and two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster and several unit citations.

North was buried in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. During the ceremony, Air Force fighter jets streaked over Pleasant Hill Cemetery in a final salute. I now ask my colleagues to rise with me so that we too may honor Brigadier General Kenneth North, a true American hero.

HONORING PAUL KELLEY

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to recognize Paul Kelley who is retiring after 16 years as a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. Congressman THOMPSON and I have the distinct privilege of representing Sonoma County and both of our tenures in the House have coincided with Mr. Kelley's tenure on the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Kelley represents the northernmost supervisorial district in Sonoma County, which is home to one of the finest wine grape-growing and wine-producing regions in the world. His support of agriculture and agriculture-related industries is deep seated. He grew up on a small farm outside of Santa Rosa and spent his summers as a youth working on neighboring ranches and farms in the area. As a supervisor, his work included helping to bridge the gap between the water needs of farmers and fisheries, in supporting measures that guaranteed that 22,000 acres in his district would be protected under the county's Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District acquisitions and encouraging businesses and farmers to embrace green technology.

Supervisor Kelley also helped create new parks and recreational facilities throughout his district, including the Boys & Girls Club in Windsor, and renovate existing youth facilities in Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Larkfield-Wikiup.

He was the key proponent of returning commercial air service to the Charles M. Schulz/Sonoma County Airport. The regional airport now has daily flights to four western cities.

Supervisor Kelley's special assignments on the board included membership on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the North Coast Rail Authority, the Water Agency Committee, the Local Agency Formation Commission (Chair), the Eel Russian River Commission (Chair), the Redwood Empire Association, the North Coast Air Pollution Control District, the North Coastal Counties Supervisors' Association, the Public Policy Facilitating Committee, the Sonoma County Advertising Program, the Sonoma County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Program and the Association of California Water Agencies (President).

Madam Speaker, after 16 years of public service to the people of Sonoma, Paul Kelley deserves to enjoy the riches of this new phase of his life as a water and transportation consultant. We wish him well.

RECOGNIZING ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 BLUE RIBBON OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Ambrose Catholic School for being named by the United States Department of Education as a recipient of a 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

The Blue Ribbon School award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that have helped close the achievement gap and whose students attain and maintain high academic goals. The program is part of a larger Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about best school leadership and teaching practices. Each year since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education has sought out schools where students attain and maintain high academic goals, including those that beat the odds. This year St. Ambrose is one of only 314 schools nationwide, public and private, to receive this award and is the only school in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia to be so honored this year.

Quality education is an important component to our community in Northern Virginia, and it gives me great pride to represent a school as committed and effective at attaining high achievement goals. St. Ambrose is committed to teaching faith and life skills to students from kindergarten through 8th grade. Through rigorous academic programs, robust activities, excellent staff, and a committed community, St. Ambrose exemplifies the strong fabric of our shared community here in Northern Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating Principal Barbara Dalmut, her staff, and the St. Ambrose Catholic school community for their efforts toward earning this prestigious award.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN E.  
DALLINGER

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carolyn E. Dallinger of Huxley, Iowa, as the recipient of the 2010 Iowa Professor of the Year award. She was honored at a reception in Washington, D.C., on November 18.

The U.S. Professors of the Year program, which is sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Carolyn is currently an Assistant Professor of Social Work and Criminal Justice at Simpson College. She enjoys incorporating service learning components within her classroom teaching whenever possible. An example of

this includes having her social policy students serve meals to hungry or homeless people.

Besides being involved in sporting events and extracurricular activities at Simpson College, Carolyn also serves as a junior/senior high school youth group leader for her church. The youth group has taken several mission trips across the country to serve less fortunate people. She is also a member of the church choir and participates as a church accompanist.

Carolyn Dallinger is an incredible teacher, and her dedication to her profession and to her students should make every Iowan proud. It's an honor to represent her in the United States Congress, and I know that my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Carolyn on this well-deserved award and thanking her for her dedicated service to her community and America's young adults.

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CELEBRATING THE GROUND-  
BREAKING FOR THE ROUGH AND  
READY FIRE STATION

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**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking for the Rough and Ready Fire Station in Nevada County, California.

Since its founding in 1963, the Rough and Ready Fire Department has served to protect the homes and businesses in their community. In the early years, the department consisted of a phone-tree-style call list that would spring into action when needed, using whatever assortment of equipment the group could afford to buy, maintain and house in local barns. In 1970, the current fire station was constructed on Rough and Ready Road to house two fire engines and serve as the headquarters for the 16 volunteer fire fighters. As the town continued to grow, so did its need for fire protection and the department acquired two additional engines, but with room in the station to house only two vehicles. As a result, the department went back to housing some fire engines in barns, including the Davison Barn, where chickens began roosting in the engine and going on fire calls.

As the years wore on, it became increasingly clear that the fire station on Rough and Ready Road would not be able to meet the needs of the city indefinitely. Without a training area large enough to accommodate all fire-fighters, lacking sleeping quarters or any space to service vehicles, an absence of ventilation, air conditioning and insulation, and a hopelessly leaky roof, the need to build a new facility was more than evident. Beginning in 1995, the department saved a little money each year towards a new station and by 2004 the land had been acquired and the department officers were finalizing design plans. Finally, in 2009, having raised just under one million dollars through department savings and private donations, Rough and Ready secured a federal matching grant to allow for construction to move forward. At over 8000 square feet and complete with five engine bays, living quarters and up-to-date infrastructure, the new

station will greatly increase the department's capacity to serve the 2,200 citizens in their immediate district and the over 52,000 people in the surrounding area.

Madam Speaker, it is impossible to overestimate the necessity of fire protection or to measure to countless contributions these fire-fighters make to our community. It is has been my privilege to work with the Rough and Ready Fire Department in competing for a merit-based federal grant and it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the city of Rough and Ready to celebrate this joyous occasion.

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IN HONOR OF TERRY SULLIVAN,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO, COLORADO  
SPRINGS CONVENTION & VISI-  
TORS BUREAU

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**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, let me take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. Terrance W. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan has served as leader of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau for 20 years. In this role, Mr. Sullivan has helped support and expand the tourism industry in Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region. He has previously been awarded Outstanding Individual Contribution to Colorado Tourism by the Governor of Colorado in 2005, and was elected to serve as President of the Tourism Industry Association of Colorado (TIAC).

Mr. Sullivan has also served in leadership roles in numerous civic and business organizations and has contributed significantly to the economic development of the Pikes Peak region. His exemplary career is marked by his chairmanship of the Tourism Industry Association of Colorado (TIAC) and the Colorado Association of Destination Marketing Organizations (CADMO), organizations that work cooperatively to promote travel to our state, region, and city. Mr. Sullivan is also a co-founder and board member of the Southern Colorado Business Partnership and has served and continues to serve on many other community boards and committees. He continually supports community parks, museums, historic sites, and open spaces.

In addition to his achievements in the tourism industry, Mr. Sullivan was an Army aviator in Vietnam followed by service in the National Guard and Army Reserves. He is rated as a Master Aviator with approximately 3,000 flying hours. In March 2004, Mr. Sullivan participated as an organizer and crew member in the Smithsonian Museum of History's "America's Huey, The Final Journey Home." Mr. Sullivan continues to support the military community by founding the Mountain Post Historical Association, serving as an honorary board member of the Peterson Air & Space Museum, and serving as an active member of the Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council.

Mr. Sullivan will retire from the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau on December 31, 2010, leaving a lasting legacy of hospitality and tourism promotion for all that follow. Mr. Sullivan's future hopes for the Con-

vention and Visitors Bureau include bringing further credibility and recognition to the Colorado hospitality industry, proactively pursuing an increased air service network, creating valuable and effective partnership marketing opportunities, attracting more sports-related events to the Pikes Peak region, and assuring the development of a community infrastructure. These will meet the future needs of a growing and healthy tourism industry.

Madam Speaker, residents and visitors of Colorado have been fortunate to have Mr. Sullivan serve as leader of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitor Bureau for the past 20 years. His involvement in Colorado tourism and civic engagement has provided economic development to Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region as well as a richer experience to visitors of our beautiful state. I know my fellow Members of the House of Representatives will join me in thanking him for his lasting contribution to the community and for his commitment to our country.

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NATIONAL ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
AWARENESS MONTH

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**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. This year marks the 27th anniversary of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, which has brought awareness to the 5.3 million Americans living with Alzheimer's and the over 200,00 living with Alzheimer's in my own state of Georgia. More than half of all Americans now know someone with Alzheimer's and approximately thirty percent of Americans have a family member with the disease.

It is of immense magnitude that all Americans become aware of what they can do to support those who live with the disease. This month should serve as a time to reflect on the struggles faced by those with the disease and to commemorate how far we have come and all we have accomplished in the fight for a cure.

I would also like to express immense gratitude to the Georgia Alzheimer's Association for their advocacy throughout the state of Georgia. Under their incredible leadership they have been able to help over 124,000 Georgians through their programs and services. It is important that we acknowledge this month as a time of support for all affected with the disease and reaffirm that as a nation it should be our mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, and to provide and enhance care and support to those individuals affected with the disease, their families and caregivers.

I encourage everyone to join me in recognizing November as the National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

BENEDICTION DELIVERED BY  
RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN AT  
THE DEDICATION OF THE JEW-  
ISH WAR VETERANS MONUMENT  
IN VIRGINIA BEACH ON VET-  
ERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

### HON. GLENN C. NYE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NYE. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Our God, M'kor Chayim U'vracha, Infinite Source of Life's Blessings,

Dear Veterans, Families, Donors, Friends, Zeh Ha'Yom Asa Adonai, Nagila V'nismecha Vo! This is the awaiting day the Lord has granted us, that we may find joy and meaning in it!

Tenderly, tearfully and triumphantly we recall our very own fighting Jewish men and women in uniform who alongside fellow Americans from all backgrounds and walks of life, and to the last full measure of devotion, borrowing a phrase from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address—served and sacrificed, secured and saved on behalf of our great and grateful nation, a flourishing democracy which has been a tower of strength to a weary and vulnerable world as well as a steadfast beacon of Shalom's flickering lights of hope, harmony and healing.

Our cherished kin, some with their long-loving and supportive families here on this festive Veterans Day of the Jewish War Veterans Monument Dedication, have proudly, patriotically and profoundly responded to freedom's far-reaching sacred call from these golden shores to the most noble of duties in defense of all we hold precious. Their selfless acts of unflinching heroism and exemplary conduct under harrowing circumstances brought genuine honor and lasting glory, sanctifying God's holy name.

This significant monument is an essential addition to the beautiful grounds of the Reba and Sam Sandler Campus of the Tidewater Jewish Community in the unique region of Hampton Roads, home to the nation's largest cluster of military installations. The monument, linked by design to the Helen G. Gifford Holocaust Memorial Garden, is forever an inspiring testimony to unforgettable brethren, the dead and the living, who participated in the monumental liberation of the surviving remnant, myself included, of European Jewry from the threat of total extinction by humanity's foes.

At the approaching Chanuka celebration, we salute our veterans who like the Maccabees of old, through wondrous deeds and abundant sacrifices of a faithful spirit, have bequested unto us all the inseparable twin gifts of life and liberty.

"Minesharing Kalu  
M'arayot Gaveru  
They were swifter than eagles,  
They were stronger than lions!  
Eich Naflu Giborim  
B'tock Hamilchama—  
How have the mighty fallen  
In the thick of battle!"  
Second Samuel 1:23, 25  
And humbly let us say, Amen.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach and president of the Hampton Roads

Board of Rabbis and Cantors. He was born in Kazakhstan in 1945 to Polish Holocaust survivors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF  
REVEREND DR. ROLAND HAYES  
CROWDER

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder on the occasion of his 45th anniversary as pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio and his 60th anniversary of ministering to those in need.

Reverend Crowder was educated in the Jefferson County Schools in Birmingham, Alabama. He was raised with the values of faith, family, hard work and service to community. He graduated from Malone College and Ashland Theological Seminary, where he earned a doctoral degree in theology.

After college, Reverend Crowder accepted the call to ministry, and on November 8th, 1950, he preached his first sermon at East Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1965, Reverend Crowder accepted the position of pastor of the Second Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. His leadership led to an increase in church membership, the creation of new outreach programs and the construction of a multi-purpose church facility.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honor and recognition of the Reverend Dr. Roland Hayes Crowder, whose 60-year ministry and 45 years as a pastor reflect missions of healing, hope and faith. Reverend Crowder's compassionate service and dedicated leadership continues to bring light and strength to countless individuals and families.

HONORING MR. JAMES KLUTTZ,  
THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE TYBEE ISLAND HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James Kluttz, the former President of the Board of Directors of the Tybee Island Historical Society. During his twenty years of leadership, the Tybee Island Historical Society's membership grew from two hundred to over one thousand, and the Society raised funds to restore the entire seven building Tybee Island Light Station and surrounding plots of land essential to preserving historic views from the Station. Due to Mr. Kluttz's efforts, the Station received local, state, and national awards as well as international publicity. The increased spotlight and the strengthening of the Tybee Island Light Station's historical preservation bona fides resulted in the transfer of the Station from the Federal Government to the Tybee Island Historical Society—one of the first to occur under

the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000.

Moreover, due to Mr. Kluttz's twenty-year dedication, the Tybee Island Lighthouse was included in the Southeast Lighthouse Stamp series and the Station was been nominated for National Landmark Status. Visitation to the Station and Museum has gone from several thousand annual visitors to over 170,000, greatly benefitting the local economy.

Mr. Kluttz's work did not end with the Lighthouse. Under his direction, the Historical Society helped acquire and restore buildings and historic field guns at Fort Screven, as well as a "raised cottage" that reflects Tybee Island's unique social, cultural, and architectural heritage.

Mr. James Kluttz is a model citizen, having served on countless boards and committed hundreds of personal hours towards the preservation of the atmosphere of Tybee Island, and I believe that no one could have done a better job. The citizens of Tybee Island owe him much thanks and gratitude, and on this day we wish him the best in all his future activities and endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE RAYMOND AND  
MIRIAM KLEIN JCC

### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC on its milestone 35th anniversary. Located in Northeast Philadelphia, the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC is a multifaceted community center committed to a strategic mission of serving the versatile needs of the surrounding Jewish community. The Klein JCC is a living example of Tikkun Olam—repairing the world—right here in our community.

Since 1975, when the Klein Branch opened its doors, it has been a community center, an educational center, and a constant source of support and enrichment for the Jewish community. Located on a 20 acre lot and featuring a theatre, 2 swimming pools, a gym, and classrooms, the JCC provides childcare, immigration counseling, and summer camp, as well as athletic and aquatic fitness programs.

But Klein JCC is much more than a center that provides entertainment and recreation. Throughout the decades, the Klein JCC has adapted its mission to meet the changing needs of its neighbors and has reemerged as a fully functioning social services agency. Today, the Klein JCC provides critical quality services to our youngest members of the community through pre-school and kindergarten while providing a lifeline to our most seasoned senior citizens. Education for the very young as well as courses for those over the age of 90 are all available in the same facility. And through the Mitzvah food project, volunteers deliver food and other necessities to those in the community who are in need, reaching out to help regardless of religion, race, gender, or age.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud to represent in congress an institution that has so faithfully and ably served the Jewish community for so many years. I am honored that the Raymond

and Miriam Klein JCC has always welcomed me with open arms. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing a heartfelt Mazel Tov to the Raymond and Miriam Klein JCC Board of Directors both past and present, supporters, clients and friends on an impressive 35 year history and for continued success in a new century.

IN HONOR OF DIANNE CHURCH

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable public service career of Dianne Church. After forty-two years with the Federal Government, Dianne is retiring from her position as an Economic Development Administration, EDA, regional representative. Over the course of the past eighteen years, Dianne has played an instrumental role in helping the communities of the Monterey Bay Area recover from earthquake, flood, recession, and the largest military base closure in U.S. history. During that time, I have had the great fortune of working with Dianne and developing a wonderful working friendship with her. So it is with particular pleasure that I join my colleagues on the floor of the House today to recognize Dianne's work to make my constituents' corner of the world a better place.

Dianne was born on April 22, 1944, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, to Francis and Violet Church. She attended local public schools, discovered a love for music through her church choir, and spent summers with her family at the beach on the North Carolina's Outer Banks. She later attended the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.,

While in Washington, D.C. she began a ten year career on Capitol Hill, working for a number of distinguished lawmakers, including: Rep. FLOYD HICKS (WA), Sen. MIKE GRAVEL (AK), Rep. DON YOUNG (AK), Rep. JOHN CONYERS (MI), and the Senate Labor Committee. She helped staff Senator Gravel when he read the Pentagon Papers on television and met Daniel Ellsberg.

In 1977, Dianne left Capitol Hill to go to work in the EDA Congressional Liaison office. In 1980, she took a job as a public works project officer in EDA's Seattle Regional Office. Dianne quickly gained a reputation for volunteering for projects in the most remote and out of the way places, especially in Alaska. During those early years in Seattle, Dianne completed her B.A. degree at Western Washington University and later an MPA degree at Seattle University, taking classes at night while working full time for EDA. While working in Seattle, she met Steve Johnston, a fellow EDA employee. Dianne and Steve married in 1987.

In 1997, she began the best job of her career as EDA's economic development representative for California's Central Coast. She initially represented fourteen Central California counties, including the Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties that form the core of my district. She had already been working on the redevelopment of Fort Ord following its 1994 closure. In all, Dianne helped steer over \$95 million towards infrastructure and other key redevelopment needs, including over \$60

million for the creation of a new California State University in the heart of Fort Ord.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in honoring Dianne Church for her years of visionary public service. At a time when it is fashionable to cast doubt on the federal role in economic development, Dianne's legacy of roads, buildings, revitalized downtowns, a whole new university, and all the jobs to build and fill them, bears witness to the vital role that our collective investment in civilization can play.

HONORING THE LIFE AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS OF TENNESSEE  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE ULYSSES JONES, JR.

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ulysses Jones, Jr. A public servant throughout his career, Mr. Jones worked as a paramedic with the Memphis Fire Department for 37 years, where he rose to the rank of battalion chief. Ulysses continued to serve by becoming Tennessee's 98th District State Representative representing the North Memphis community for 23 years. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on June 7, 1951 to the late Ulysses Jones, Sr. and Marjorie Nicholas Jones. Ulysses Jones, Jr. graduated from North Side High School and went on to attend the University of Memphis and Tennessee State University.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was oftentimes faced with challenging moments during his tenure as a paramedic. On August 16, 1977, Ulysses and a colleague were called to Graceland to revive Elvis Presley, but to no avail. Ulysses later noted that he identified with the legendary entertainer who despite living in public housing projects, worked hard to make a better life for himself. Ulysses thought nothing of putting his life on the line to save others and he took that same attitude of public service to the state legislature when he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. was first elected to the Tennessee General Assembly in 1986. For nearly a quarter of a century, he was a voice for working men and women in Shelby County. He stood by his convictions on issues that mattered most to him, including improving schools, expanding college scholarships and equal pay for all. Ulysses aspired to do the right thing for all people regardless of race, creed or political affiliation.

Mr. Jones was an effective lawmaker for Tennessee. His vocal and active opposition to the "Tiny Towns" bill led to one of his most notable accomplishments in the Tennessee legislature. This legislation, which initially passed and was signed into state law, allowed small communities, and in one contested battle, an apartment building, to incorporate to avoid paying property taxes. Less than a year after being signed into law, the Tennessee Supreme Court struck down the law citing constitutional violations.

Ulysses worked hard on not just his legislative agenda but on other Members' bills including mine. He cosponsored the "Tennessee Lottery for Education," a bill I spon-

sored and worked on for nearly 20 years. After being signed into law, Ulysses took the reins and served as the Co-Chair of the Joint Lottery Oversight Committee and was a member of the House Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation.

While in the Tennessee House of Representatives, Ulysses Jones served as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee, Chair of the House State and Local Government Committee and the 2nd Vice President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. He was a member of the House Education Committee, K-12 Subcommittee, Local Government Subcommittee, Joint Select Education Oversight Committee and the Tennessee Commemorative Women's Suffrage Commission. Ulysses also co-authored state Enterprise Zone legislation for Tennessee.

Mr. Jones was also actively involved in his community. He served as Chairman of both the Tennessee African-American Male Task Force and the Governor's Minority Business Development Advisory Committee. He sat on the Board of Directors for the Fire Fighter Investment Group and was the President of the Pioneer Black Fire Fighters. Ulysses was a member of the YMCA Black Achievers and was a catalyst for the Development of the North Memphis Inner City Community Development Corporation.

Ulysses Jones, Jr. passed away on November 9, 2010 at the age of 59. Ulysses Jones, Jr. is survived by his daughter Victoria and son Ulysses III. His commitment to helping people throughout his life will be remembered by the countless number of lives he touched. His was a life well lived.

REMEMBERING JANICE BALL  
FISHER

### HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a kind-hearted and generous woman who will forever be remembered by the community in my home state of Indiana. The snow fell quietly on an early November morning as a community gathered at First Presbyterian Church to remember the first lady of east central Indiana, Janice Ball Fisher. She was the daughter of the distinguished Edmund B. and Bertha Ball who founded Ball Corporation, and whose generous donations significantly benefited Ball State University and Ball Memorial Hospital.

Janice was raised in Muncie and later graduated from Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. In 1940 she married John Fisher in Leland, Michigan, though they later moved back to Janice's hometown. The Fishers will always be remembered for their leadership in the community and their giving hearts. Together, they donated millions of dollars to further educational institutions around the state such as Ball State University, DePauw University, and Indiana University.

Those who knew Janice will remember her most for her dedication to faith and family. Her greatest joy was to be surrounded by loved ones, and she greatly enjoyed bringing her children and grandchildren along on adventures across the country and throughout the

world. She was an active member of her church, as well as civic organizations such as the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Mount Vernon Society. Janice also supported numerous philanthropies in Michigan and Indiana such as the Fishtown Preservation Society, Leelanau Conservancy, Leelanau Community Cultural Center, Leelanau Historical Museum, Leland Township Library, Interlochen School of Music, Minnetrista, Cornerstone Center for the Arts, Muncie YMCA and YWCA, Camp Crosley, Muncie Symphony Orchestra, and many other organizations that thrived thanks to her leadership.

The Good Book tells us that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me," and that embodies the way Janice lived her life. Though the community will deeply feel the loss of Janice Fisher, I am confident that she will be richly rewarded for her decades of service and sacrifice for others. I offer my sincere condolences to her beloved family: daughters Joan F. Woods and Judith F. Oettinger; sons Michael J. Fisher, James A. Fisher, Jeffrey E. Fisher, John W. Fisher III, and Jerrold M. Fisher; 19 grandchildren; and 29 greatgrandchildren.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. FRANK  
SHAFFERY

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Frank Shaffery, who has virtuously served the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. Shaffery has served as a civilian employee within the U.S. Army Recruiting Command Headquarters G3 at Fort Knox, KY, since 1994. Mr. Shaffery will retire after 46 years of dedicated service to the United States Army.

A native of Newark, N.J., Frank Shaffery enlisted in the Army in 1965. His Army career included assignments in Fort Dix, N.J., Korea and Vietnam before he became an Army recruiter.

Mr. Shaffery has held several positions as an Army recruiter including field recruiter, station commander, senior guidance counselor and battalion sergeant major. The Baltimore Recruiting Battalion was the second largest recruiting battalion during his tenure and he ensured its success as one of the top battalions in the command.

Mr. Shaffery retired after 30 years of active Army service at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. His dedicated service resulted in his awarding of a Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and several Meritorious Service Medals. He wears his Recruiter Ring still today, the highest honor for a recruiter when he was an NCO.

Upon retirement from active duty in 1994, Mr. Shaffery accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command HQ as the Chief of Plans and Policy for the Operations Directorate. He was promoted to the position of Deputy Director in 1999.

Frank lives in Elizabethtown, Ky., with his wife, Connie. He is the father of two sons, Mark and Michael, and the proud grandfather to 6 year old Madison.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Mr. Frank Shaffery today because of his dignified and steadfast commitment to the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, his Soldiers, the citizens of this country and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RECOGNIZING VIBRANT GUJARAT  
2011 SUMMIT FOR PROMOTING  
U.S.-INDIA TRADE

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAOMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2010*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Chief Minister

Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership in drawing attention to Gujarat as a leading investment destination, and for promoting U.S.-India trade.

On September 15, 2010, it was my honor to welcome the Gujarat delegation to Washington, D.C. as prelude to the Vibrant Gujarat 2011 Summit scheduled to be held on January 12–13, 2011 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Many of my colleagues joined me for this event.

As I noted then, Gujarat is one of the most prominent States on the western coast of India and has contributed significantly to India's growth story with consistent double digit GDP growth for almost a decade and, since 2003, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit has attracted investment agreements worth more than USD 370 billion.

The State is now gearing up for the 5th Vibrant Gujarat Summit and, while many of us were hopeful that we would be able to attend the Summit, the January 2011 schedule for the U.S. Congress will not permit Congressional participation. But, in recognition of the importance of the Gujarat Summit, I wanted to offer this statement as a show of support for this Summit.

Today, as a result of the Chief Minister's efforts, Gujarat is a replicable model of development with the highest GDP growth rate in India. Consequently, the potential for U.S. trade and investment in Gujarat is significant, and I stand with the Government of Gujarat as it seeks to improve the lives of its people and ours.

I have every confidence that our mutual cooperation will lead to more jobs in the U.S. and India, and I extend my best wishes to Chief Minister Modi for a successful Vibrant Gujarat 2011 Summit.